## **China Starts Reshuffling** Leadership, Li Peng First

Hu Jintao, 55, Elevated To Vice President, Is Viewed as Man on Rise

By Erik Eckholm

BEUING — China's new leadership lineup was partly completed Monday as the National People's Congress con-firmed Li Peng, prime minister for the last 10 years, as its next chairman.

The vote by the national legislature which ratified a choice made in secret by Communist Party leaders, marks the continued survival near the top of a man many Chinese dislike because of his prominent role in the suppression of student demonstrations near Tiananmen Square in 1989.

There had been speculation here that Mr. Li might be embarrassed by significant numbers of "no" votes or abstentions from the nearly 3,000 delegates to the national legislature, who were all selected by the Communist Party. He received 89 percent of the votes cast - a poor showing by the historic standards of party-run elections, but not so bad as

to weaken him seriously.

The balloting followed weeks of vigorous lobbying behind closed doors by party officials eager to show a unified

face to the nation and the world. The congress also confirmed the selection of Hu Jintao as vice president, a possible measure to groom him for top jobs. At 55 the youngest member of the Politburo's seven-member Standing Committee, he has long been seen as a comer in the party and has enjoyed the patronage of President Jiang Zemin but does not have a sharp public image.

In the past, the position of vice presdent has mainly been seen as a cermonial post, but senior officials are said to hope that his new post will give Mr. Hu more national and international

Trained as an engineer, he served as party chief in two provinces and is pres-dent of the Central Party School in eijing, which trains party officials.

ig the end of its 13-day ession, the National People's Congress lso formally re-elected Mr. Jiang as resident of China and chairman of the entral Military Commission. Mr. Jiig, who is also chief of the Communist uty, the core of his power, remains first ong the country's leadership group. On Tuesday, the Congress is expec-

ed to ratify Zhu Rongji, the guiding hand in economic policy in recent years, as the new prime minister. On Wednesday, the new slate of government ministers will be confirmed.

Mr. Li is believed to represent a more autious and conservative strain among China's top leaders. He is stepping bwn as prime minister, a more poweril job than his new one, because he has ved the legal limit of two terms. But emains officially ranked No. 2 in the itburo, the country's most powerful y, perhaps setting the stage for con-with the impatient, boldly assertive

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## 'Mystified,' Clinton Says Of Allegation By Willey



President Clinton responding Monday to allegations made by Kathleen Willey on CBS's "60 Minutes."

By Brian Knowlton

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton, apparently fearful that dramatic new allegations against him could undercut the persistent public support he still enjoys, denied Monday that he had forced his sexual attentions on a White House assistant who had come to ask him for belp.

'I have said that nothing improper happened; I told the truth then, I told the truth in the deposition," Mr. Clinton told reporters during an appearance at a high school in Silver Spring, Maryland. "I am mystified and disappointed by this turn of events."

He spoke a day after the former White House employee, Kathleen Wil-ley, 51, said during an appearance on

the CBS program "60 Minutes" that Mr. Clinton had kissed her, touched her breasts and placed her hand on his nitals. Asked if she thought he had lied under oath by denying such actions, she said, "Yes."

Willey's Story, the Contradictions

The speed of Mr. Clinton's response, especially after his repeated protestations that he could not comment on the ongoing investigation, appeared to indicate serious White House concern about Mrs. Willey's ppearance and whether it might finally puncture his buoyant public support, especially among women. While Mrs. Willey's charges had

been reported earlier, they were the first to deal with an alleged unwanted sexual overture by the president inside the White House — not when he was governor of Arkansas — in what the public would widely view as an abuse of power. Also, they came on the most popular public-affairs program on U.S. television, from a woman with no

apparent reason not to tell the truth. In contrast to Paula Jones, who has support from conservative groups in ber sexual misconduct suit against Mr. Clinton, Mrs. Willey is a longtime Democratic activist who has described

herself as a friend of Mr. Clinton's.

Before Thursday, when Mrs. Willey testified before the grand jury investigating the case and made it

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## A Shrunken and Rusty 'Nuclear Stick'

Economic Woes, Obsolescence and Treaties Slash Russia's Arsenal

By David Hoffman

Washington Post Service MOSCOW — Russia's strategic forces, the vast phalanx of nucleararmed submarines, bombers and intercontinental ballistic missiles built during the Cold War by the Soviet Union, are suffering a dramatic decline because of arms-control treaties, the Soviet breakup, looming obsolescence and Russia's economic depression.

Regardless of whether the United States and Russia move ahead on bilateral arms-control treaties, a decade from now Russia's forces will be less than one-tenth the size they were at the peak of Soviet power, according to estimates prepared in Russia and in the West. Ten years from now, if current

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companies depend on SAP's programs

to manage their vital operations.

loyees and annual sales of nearly \$4 billion. Half of the world's 500 leading

But as he surveys Germany's eco-

nomic landscape these days, Mr. Plattner, 54, wonders how his youthful

counterparts lost their drive and en-

trepreneurial zeal. Germany's best and

brightest graduates, he complains, no

longer relish demanding careers but yearn only to become pliant civil ser-

vants with long vacations and lifetime

proach toward life," Mr. Plattner said at

his company's headquarters. "People

"We need an entirely different ap-

job security.

trends continue, Russia may have a strategic nuclear force just larger than that China, and somewhat larger than those of Britain and France combined. This slide has enormous implications

for Russia and the West. For Russia, the decline has raised painful dilemmas Second of two articles

about its place in the world, underscoring yet again the erosion of its su-

At the same time, while the nuclear shield is shrinking, Russian leaders have decided to rely on the deterrent power of the nuclear weapons more than ever — to compensate for their even weaker and more chaotic conventional

forces. President Boris Yeltsin recently signed a new national security doctrine that enshrines this idea. Russia also has dropped its pledge not to be the first to use nuclear weapons.

"All we have is the nuclear stick," said Lev Volkov, a prominent Russian military strategist. "Of course, we should all together decrease this nuclear danger. But right now, we have nothing else. We're naked. Can you imagine that?"

Some Russian strategists are beginning to look for an exit from the armsrace mentality of the Cold War, a way that would preserve Russia's membership in the nuclear club, perhaps even its Great Power status, but without the enormous drag on its resources. One recent

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## On Holocaust, Pope Urges 'Repentance'

## **But Document Does Not Accept** Church Role in Racist Theories

By Celestine Bohlen
New York Times Service

ROME - In a long-awaited document on the role of the Roman Catholic Church during the Holocaust, the Vat-ican on Monday called for an "act of repentance" for the failure of Catholics to stop the slaughter of Europe's Jews but skirted the issue of how much the church, its leaders and its teachings contributed to the vicious anti-Semitism of

The document, in preparation for 11 years, was greated with cool appreci-ation and guarded disappointment by Jewish leaders, some of whom criticized the Vatican's failure to judge those Catholics who collaborated with the Nazis or those, including Pope Pius XII, who kept silent about Nazi atrocities.

'It is a very important statement, but it is disappointing in certain respects," said Rabbi David Rosen, director of the Israel office of the Anti-Defamation League, and its co-liaison with the Vatican. He noted that Catholic bishops' conferences in France, Germany, Hungary, Poland and other countries had gone further in acknowledging a deeper responsibility for the moral climate that allowed Nazism to dominate much of

Cardinal Edward Cassidy, head of the Vatican Commission on Religious Re-lations with the Jews, which produced the document, said the 14-page statement, written as a teaching document for the worldwide church, was "more than an apology.

"This is an act of repentance," he said at a Vatican press conference Monday morning.
"At the end of this millennium, the

Catholic Church desires to express her deep sorrow for the failures of her sons and daughters in every age," the doc-ument itself said. "This is an act of repentance since as members of the church, we are linked to the sins as well as the merits of all her children."

The document carries an introductory letter from Pope John Paul II, who on the eve of the year 2000 has been leadexamination of conscience," reviewing sins, crimes and errors that have been committed in its name through the cen-

In his preface, the Pope, born in Poland, where as a young man living under Nazi occupation he witnessed the deportation of Jewish friends, colleagues and neighbors, referred to the Holocaust as an "unspeakable iniquity." He expressed a "fervent hope" that the Vatican document would "help to heal the wounds of past misunderstandings and injustices" committed by Christians against Jews.

The document examines the "catastrophe" of the Holocaust, when Jews were persecuted and massacred "for the sole reason that they were Jews."

But it also examines the "tormented" history of Christian-Jewish relations," worsened by "erroneous and unjust intemretations of the New Testament," a plirase used last year by the Pope in addressing a Vatican-sponsored sym-

posium on the origins of anti-Semitism.
"Despite the Christian preaching of love for all, even for one's enemies, the prevailing mentality down the centuries penalized minorities and those who were in any way 'different,' " the doc-

ument states But to the dismay of some Jewish commentators, the document upheld the distinction, first made by the Pope himself last October, which holds that while the church in the past had helped foster religious prejudice against Jews, it bore

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## **Do Sanctions** Really Work? Debate Is On In Burma

By Thomas Crampton International Herald Tribune

RANGOON - Burma's economy, squeezed for years by Western sanc-tions and weakened by the economic crisis affecting much of Asia, is in tat-

Now, the ills afflicting Burma have in the last few months led the clique of generals who rule the country to acknowledge, uncharacteristically, that there are problems: the Burnese currency, the kyat, has plunged; inflation is rising; and investment has declined.

This new openness in turn, has led some supporters of sanctions to question their continued usefulness.

"The economy is getting worse but the government is not shaky and it won't topple," said Ma Thanegi, a former League for Democracy who was once an aide to the opposition leader and Nobel laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. Boycotts and sanctions will not

Since the military regime took over in 1988 and ignored the results of a 1990 election won by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy, Western governments have introduced a range of sanctions to pressure Rangoon into suppressing drug trafficking and making democratic reforms.

The country has lost access to most foreign aid. The European Union and the United States canceled the preferential tariffs often accorded developing nations. And last year, a U.S. ban on American countries making new investments in Burma went into effect. 🥻

Ma Thanegi, who like many league members in 1989 was sent to prison for a time, argues that such sanctions may

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## o Young Germans, Zeal ags Far Behind Security

By William Drozdiak

ALLDORF, Germany — When o Plattner and four friends decided it their jobs 25 years ago and set up own computer software company, were emboldened by the flourg array of enterprises north of Stutthat emerged from the ruins of war came to symbolize Germany's eco-

he plucky medium-size companies, n run by families and friends, took i risks and the employees worked hours. In this region renowned for inkerers and inventors, they often overed imaginative engineering utions that quickly translated into

sooming profits. Mr. Plattner's company, SAP (for Systems Applications and Products), succeeded beyond his wildest dreams. It has blossomed into the world's fourth-

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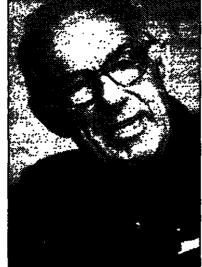
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are paralyzed with their fear of change See GERMANY, Page 5



#### Writer of Baby Manual and Leader of Anti-Vietnam War Protests Was 94. By Bart Barnes Dr. Benjamin Spock, 94, the pedi-

atrician who wrote the definitive childrearing manual for a generation of American parents and then, two decades later, led their grown children in the anti-war protests of the 1960s and early 1970s, died Sunday in San Diego.

Dr. Stephen Pauker, who had been Dr. Spock's physician for 12 years, said that he died with his family at home. Dr. Spock had suffered a heart attack, stroke and several bouts of pneumonia.

His book, "Baby and Child Care," had sold more than 43 million copies in the United States and other Englishspeaking nations when the fifth edition of the book was published in 1992. It has Dr. Spock, who taught how to rear been translated into 38 languages and children and led them against war. been translated into 38 languages and distributed in 31 foreign countries, and

more copies of it have been sold than of

Dr. Spock, Pediatrician to Millions, Dies

ny other single American title.
Its publication in 1946 coincided with the beginning of the post-World War II baby boom and its influence was so universal that the generation of children reared after its publication was often known as the "Spock generation."

When they rebelled against authority and staged disruptive and violent protests against the war in Vietnam, several of their elders blamed Dr. Spock, who by then had become one of America's most celebrated anti-war protesters. Not only was Dr. Spock leading the protests, his critics complained, but he was also responsible for a permissiveness in the early child-rearing patterns of the young protesters that caused them to run amok in the first

Dr. Spock always insisted that his

views had been misinterpreted and that; in fact, he supported a firm disciplinary hand in the raising of children.

But it was also true that his methods represented a break with the prevailing wisdom that existed before the publication of "Baby and Child Care." Then, leading thinkers in the field of pediatrics struck an authoritarian pose and urged parents to follow a rigid schedule in the feeding and toilet training of their babies. Overt displays of affection were discouraged and hugs and kisses were considered inappropriate, as was permitting a baby to sit on a

parent's lap. Instead Dr. Spock urged: "Don't be afraid to love...Every baby needs to be smiled at, talked to, played with, fondled — gently and lovingly...You may hear

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#### AGENDA

#### **EU Eases Ban on Northern Ireland Beef**

BRUSSELS — European Union farm ministers voted Monday to ease the worldwide ban on British beef exports, imposed two years ago over 'mad cow' disease, a British government official said.

Ministers supported a British plan that allows a limited resumption in exports from Northern Ireland of beef from berds guaranteed to be free of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or mad cow disease, for at least eight years.

The decision was approved by a qualified majority of EU farm ministers meeting in Brussels, the British official said.

Britain has long argued the scientific case for easing restrictions on Northern Ireland, where a computer database has been in operation for years, providing information on the history of an animal

Only meat from cattle in "certified" herds would be eligible for export.

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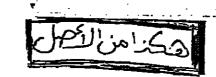
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#### U.K. Official Reaches Accord on Israel Visit

Robin Cook, the British foreign see retary, resolved a quarrel Monday with Israel on the eve of his visit there, which he agreed to visit the new Jewis settlement of Har Homa in Jerusaler accompanied by Israeli officials rathe than by Palestinian ones.

The visit to Har Homa is intended to underline European disapproval of Is racii settlement policy. Page 7.

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## I Could Not Believe the Recklessness of That Act'

By Peter Baker Washington Post Service

ASHINGTON - Kathleen Willey, a former White House aide who once considered herself "good friends" with President Bill Clinton, has broken her public silence in a televised interview and accused the president of lying under oath when he denied making a sexual advance to her near the Oval Office four years

In a soft, halting voice, Mrs. Willey, 51, recounted to a national TV audience Sunday that she met with Mr. Clinton to seek a job in November 1993 only to have him kiss and grope her against her will. The president, she said, had taken advantage of her emotional distress at a time when her family faced financial min.

'It was kind of like I was watching it in slow motion and thinking, 'Surely this is not hap-pening,' 'she recalled in the interview, broad-

cast on the CBS program "60 Minutes."
"I thought, "Well, maybe I ought to just give him a good slap across the face." And then I thought, "Well, I don't think you can slap the president of the United States like that.' And, and I just decided it was just time to get out of there." She decided to make her accusations public, she said, because of what she called the dis-

honesty surrounding her. "I just think that it's time to tell this story," she said. "Too many lies are being told. Too many lives are being ruined. And I think it's time

for the truth to come out." Asked if Mr. Clinton had committed perjury by denying any sexual contact with her during a deposition in the Paula Jones case, Mrs. Willey

During that deposition, which the president gave on Jan. 17, Mr. Clinton remembered meeting with Mrs. Willey but said it involved no sexual overtones.

"I emphatically deny it," he testified. "It did not happen." His lawyer has tried to undercut the account by obtaining an affidavit from a friend who said Mrs. Willey asked her to lie about what she knew of the incident.

n some ways, Mrs. Willey could be a more troublesome witness for the president than the other women claiming sexual encounters. What she alleged was not a consensual relationship, as Gennifer Flowers contended. A longtime Democrat, she cannot be dismissed as part of the "vast right-wing conspiracy," as was Paula Jones, who has aligned herself with conservatives in her sexual harassment lawsuit against Mr. Clinton. And because Mrs. Willey was so unwilling to come forward for so long, she has not given the impression of someone eager to capitalize on her accusation.

Perhaps most worrisome to the White House, Mrs. Willey testified last week before a grand jury as a cooperating witness in the investigation by the independent counsel Kenneth Starr into. whether Mr. Clinton or his allies engaged in obstruction of justice.

"The president is absolutely bewildered," Robert Bennett, Mr. Clinton's chief lawyer in the Jones case, said in reaction to the Willey interview. "Because you are quite right, you can't fairly characterize her as a Clinton hater."

But he added cryptically and without elaboration on the ABC program "This Week" that 'there's substantial material of what she has said which is under seal which has not been released," and that material, he said, "seriously undercuts her claims."

The basic elements of Mrs. Willey's account on CBS matched her sworn testimony January in the Jones case, which was released Friday. However, while she appeared extremely reluctant to tell her story in the Jones deposition, this



"to Minutes"/The Amoristed Press

Too many lies are being told,' Kathleen Willey, here being interviewed on CBS, said in explaining why she was talking now. Too many lives are being ruined. And I think it's time for the truth to come out."

time Mrs. Willey gave a far more descriptive narration that depicted the president as a reckless molester who felt her breasts and placed her hand

on his genitals.

Mrs. Willey also said that a prominent Democratic fund-raiser, Nathan Landow, talked with her 'extensively' about her testimony, but declined to elaborate, citing Mr. Starr's investigation, which is looking into whether she was illegally pressured to change her story. Mr. Landow has denied trying to influence her deposition.

For the first time, Mrs. Willey also asserted that Mr. Clinton tried to meet her privately once during the 1992 presidential campaign and promised he would get rid of his Secret Service guards if she did. He had sent someone to get her telephone number at a rally and later called from Williamsburg, Virginia, where he was suffering from a hoarse voice. Mrs. Willey said she declined to visit him because "my instincts told me

he wasn't interested in chicken soup."

On Nov. 29, 1993, the day Mrs. Willey met with Mr. Clinton, her husband, Ed, was mired in

deep legal and financial troubles. Mr. Willey, a lawyer in Richmond, Virginia, killed himself that afternoon, not knowing about his wife's encounter with the president.

Needing money and unaware of her husband's intentions, Mrs. Willey went to see the president in the Oval Office about moving from a volunteer to a paid job. As she described it, Mr. Clinton offered her coffee and escorted her to a small pantry, where, she said, there was a steward.

After pouring her coffee, Mr. Clinton led her down a hall into his private study near the Oval Office, where they talked, she said.

"I didn't give him all the details," Mrs. Willey said. "I just told him that my husband was in financial difficulty and that things were at a crisis point, and that my volunteer days were over, that I needed a regular paying job and could he help me.

Mr. Clinton seemed sympathetic. "He said he would do everything that he could to help," she recalled. Then they walked in the hallway to-ward the Oval Office. "Right as we got to the door, he stopped and he gave me a big hug and said that he was very sorry that this was happening to me."

To this point, Mr. Clinton has concurred with her account. In his deposition, he recalled giving her a hug and perhaps kissing her forehead in an effort to console her but insisted, "There was nothing sexual about it."

Mrs. Willey said she did not think so at first either, because Mr. Clinton always hugged her whenever they saw each other. But then, she said, he took the coffee cup from her hand and put it on a bookshelf.

"This hug lasted a little longer than I thought necessary, but at the same time, I mean, I was not concerned about it," she said. At this point in her interview with "60 Minutes," Mrs. Willey began stammering, "And then he, then he, then he kissed me on, on my mouth and, and pulled me closer to him. And I remember thinking, I just remember thinking, 'What in the world is he doing?' "she recalled.

"And I, I pushed back away from him and he, he, he, he's a big man. And he, he had his arms, they were tight around me and he, he touched me.'

Asked how he touched her, Mrs. Willey said, "He touched my breasts with his hand and I, I, I, I was, I, I was just startled."

Then, she said, Mr. Clinton whispered in her ears, "I've wanted to do this ever since I laid eyes on you." She said she asked him whether he wasn't afraid someone would walk in but he said no. "Then he took my hand and he, and he put it on him," she said. "I pushed away from him and decided it was time to get out of there.'

Asked where he placed her hand, she said, "On his genitals." Asked whether the president was "aroused," she replied, "Uh-huh."

Mrs. Willey said she was stunned, particularly because there was a steward, Secret Service agents and White House aides all nearby. "I could just not believe what had happened in that office," she said. "I could not believe the recklessness of that act."

She wondered whether she had done anything to encourage Mr. Clinton's behavior. "I've gone over this many times — did I send the wrong signal?" she said. "The only signal I was sending that day is that I was very distraught."

But she did not go public with her story, she

said, because there was nothing to be gained by doing so. "I was embarrassed for the president's behavior," she said. "And I saw no benefit whatsoever in filing a complaint. I mean, who do you file a complaint with, anyway, when it's the president? Where do you go?

## ANC Mystery: Mag Negles **Ex-Rebel Held** Across Border

By Suzanne Daley New York Times Service

JOHANNESBURG — The big mys tery in South Africa these days is: When was Robert McBride really doing in Mozambique?

The former guerrilla for the African National Congress' armed wing is best known for having carried out one of the few acts of sabotage that deliberately killed civilians in the battle against apartheid.

For years now, he has been wearing a suit and reporting for work at a high-level government job. But on Monday, he was arrested in Mozambique in the dusty rundown border village of Ressano Garcia

He was carrying \$11,000 in cash and was looking over a pile of AK.47 assault rifles when the police arrived. Mozambican police officials have said He fled on foot, trying to get back across

Was he working undercover for the African National Congress, the partythat governs South Africa? Stocking up on weapons for other former guerrillas who have been linked with murderous robberies of armored cars?

What is clear is that the African National Congress is doing its best to distance itself from him. Although a high-level delegation has been sent to Mozambique to meet with officials there, the head of the party's legal department, Mathews Phosa, said that Mr. McBride was not on ANC business in Mozambique and that if he was involved in an arms deal, it was on his own. The law, Mr. Phosa said, should take its course.

The Department of Foreign Affairs, where Mr. McBride is the director of the Asian bureau, also quickly denied any link to his activities. It said he was on vacation when he was arrested.

Mr. McBride is probably the bestknown saboteur to have worked in the furtive military underground of the African National Congress.

In June 1986, he taped together more than 220 kilograms (100 pounds) of explosives, attached a mine with a 15minute timer as the trigger, and then swaddled the bundle with machine gun bullets and scraps of metal for shrapnel. He hid his lethal contraption in the spare-tire well of a Ford Cortina and parked on a Saturday night on a crowded beachfront esplanade in Durban.

He was out of earshot when his device exploded into two busy bars frequented by whites. Three women died, 69 people were wounded and a new, more aggressive era in the war against apartheid was begun.

Mr. McBride was caught and sentenced to death, but freed in 1992 along with hundreds of other anti-apartheid guerrillas in a grudging government de har onen comconcession aimed at reviving stalled ne harassment gotiations for a peaceful transition to the civilian or

democracy.
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#### After an Alleged Encounter, Jobs and Benefits office, where she sat next to Ms. Tripp. Ten months later, the job ended when the deputy described it last summer to Newsweek. By Jill Abramson Ms. Steele has submitted an affidavit in the New York Times Service

ASHINGTON — Kathleen Willey's account, like so many accounts in the investigation of Pres--ident-Bill Clinton's dealings with various women, is murky and contradicted by

For example, despite suffering what she describes as distress following her encounter at the White House, Mrs. Willey continued to work there and benefited from presidential appointments.

Two former friends of Mrs. Willey, Linda Tripp and Julie Steele, have given accounts at odds with Mrs. Willey's, Ms. Tripp saw Mrs. Willey as she was leaving the president's office and described her as being "disheveled," with smeared lipstick. But far from being "appalled" by her encounter with the president, Mrs. Willey seemed "flustered, happy, joyful," as Ms. Tripp

Jones case saying Mrs. Willey urged her to give false corroboration of Mrs. Willey's account of her encounter with the president to Newsweek. Ms. Steele said she was asked to say that Mrs. Willey visited her house the night of the encounter and described the upsetting advance. But Ms. Steele said through her lawyer that

Mrs. Willey did not go to her house or tell her about any improper behavior by the president. On "60 Minutes," Mrs. Willey said she believed Ms. Steele had been "pressured" to disavow her account and that Ms. Tripp may have

mistaken her tension for joy. What is clear is that while she said she was extremely upset by her meeting with Mr. Clinton, Mrs. Willey did succeed in the mission that had taken her to the White House that day: She found a paying job. In spring 1994, she was given a secretarial job in the White House counsel's

counsel told Mrs. Willey she did not have the skills to handle the office's increasing workload.

Mrs. Willey then went to see President Clinton. Once again they were alone. She said in her deposition in the Jones case that she wanted to thank him "for what the administration had done for me," and to express a desire to "come back in some way.

Before she was swept into the Jones case, Mrs. Willey continued to benefit from her White House ties. In 1995, she was on the government delegation for conferences in Copenhagen and Jakarta. In 1996, she won an appointment to the board of the United Service Organization, a civilian agency that provides services to U.S.

Mr. Start is investigating whether Mrs. Willey won these appointments in an effort to encourage her silence about the encounter.

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#### Sandstorm Dusts 5 Mideast Nations

CAIRO (AP) — A sandstorm churned up in the North
African desert blanketed the
Middle East on Monday in a
haze of dust so thick that
flights could not take off or
land, sea ports had to be haze of dust so thick that flights could not take off or land, sea ports had to be closed and people had dif-

ficulty breathing.

At least one person was killed and 29 were injured in road accidents.

The storm, described as the worst ever in Lebanon and the most severe in Jordan in 50 years, reduced visibility to as little as 200 meters, Israel, Egypt and Syria were also badly hit. About 30 flights to and

ted or canceled, while airports in Luxor, Aswan and Abu Simbel were closed. Five Sherpa guides trekking with a group of stu-dents aged 10 to 12 from an American school in Nepal

from Cairo were either diver-

were injured in clashes with local villagers Monday near Katmandu. The company that organized the trek said that it 19756 744 s 1974 844 s 2475 1467 pc 2780 1375 c 3085 2475 pc 2780 1375 pc 17.52 744 s was the third such incident in the area and that the motive could have been robbery. (AP)

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## Long Neglected, Psychiatric Help for Older Americans Comes of Age

By Nadine Brozan New York Times Service

NEW YORK - In 1905, when Sigmund Freud was 49, he declared that people over 50 could gain little from psychoanalysis. "Near or above the age of 50, the elasticity of

the mental processes on which treatment depends is, as a rule, lacking," he wrote. "Old people are no longer educable."

Today, however, when Freud's "talking bire" has been surpassed by drugs and other forms of therapy, a growing cadre of medical professionals is challenging the assumption that mental-health care is wasted on the old, and treating patients who are years, perhaps decades, beyond that half-century limit.

Experts say the shift results partly from effective new treatments for afflictions like depression, a common one among the elderly, and partly from surging demand. Americans are liv48.7 in 1905, when Freud made his declaration, and the proportion of the population 65 and over is expected to swell in the coming decades.

As their numbers and influence grow, older Americans and their families have become increasingly unwilling to accept mental-health prob-lems as unavoidable consequences of aging, medical experts and advocates for the elderly say.

"If someone 96 comes to me and is depressed my goal is to relieve that depression," said Dr. Elliot Stein, a geriatric psychiatrist in Miami Beach, a haven for retirees. "It doesn't matter to me how long they will live. Why be de-

Why, indeed? That's what Lillian Morris, 75, figured when she felt herself slipping into an abyss of grief and anger after the death two years ago of her husband of 49 years.

"I needed to find myself as a person again." Mrs. Morris said, "and without some kind of intervention that is difficult to do." A granding longer. Life expectancy has grown by three decades in this century, to 76.1 in 1996, from secretary for 28 years before retiring in 1991.

She began taking the anti-depressant Paxil shortly after her husband was found to have cancer three years ago. "I started taking it when I learned his condition was inoperable," she said, "and I didn't want to cry all the time and make him uncomfortable

She also began seeing a psychiatrist at Me-morial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and later went into therapy with Renee Solomon, a psychotherapist and professor of clinical social work practice at Columbia University.

"Medication alone couldn't bring me out of my grief," she said, "and unless I had someone to talk to, I knew I would never become a whole person by myself. Now, as I go further along in therapy, I feel as though I can give up the pills. Therapy is helping me to accept the past, and once I do that, I will be able to go on and build a life. Whatever time is left to me I want to live

As help becomes more commonplace, the stigma once attached to it has dissipated, mentalhealth experts say. As a result, increasing num-

bers of practitioners are working under the geriatrics ninbrella

"When I started out in 1968. I felt a little like a leper because so few people were interested," said Dr. Sanford Finkel, founder of the American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry and a professor at the Northwestern University Medical

School. He has wested soccessfully with patients older than 100, including the who was 106.

"There was areal biastin the field against the elderly and toward young, attractive, verbal, sexual beings," Dr. Finkel said. "Alzheimer's and paranoia wing not considered models of what we should be arealing."

Markers of change are everywhere. The field of geriatric psychiatry reached a turning point in 1991 when it gained formal recognition as a subspecialty of psychiatry, and the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology began administering examinations to certify geriatric specialists. By the end of last year, 2,360 psy-chiatrists were certified as geriatric specialists. Similarly, the American Psychological As-

sociation voted last month to recognize that clinical practice with older adults requires special expertise and skill within psychology, and it

is exploring certification. But experts fear that, despite progress, it may be too late to prepare for the coming explosion in the number of elderly people. According to the Bureau of the Census, there were nearly 34 mil-lion people 65 years or older in 1996, the last year for which data are available. By 2010, the total is

expected to rise to more than 39 million. 'In 20 years, one of every five Americans will be over 65, so we need a pipeline with geriatricians, geriatric social workers and nurses," said Dr. Robert Butler, founding chairman of the National Institute on Aging and chairman of the department of geriatrics at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, one of only three full-fledged departments in the United States' 126 medical schools;

"If we were to start under full pressure this moment," he said, "it would be a struggle to get adequate numbers and training in time for the baby boomers. They are the generation at risk."

## **Mexico Gets Chiapas Bill**

#### Legislation Not Approved by Zapatista Rebels

By Mary Beth Sheridan Los Angeles Times Service

MEXICO CITY - In an effort to break a yearlong impasse with the Za-patista rebels, the Mexican government has sent legislation to Congress that would provide greater rights for Indians in the state of Chiapas.

. But it was unclear whether the move would propel Chiapas toward peace or war. The legislation was based on an agreement between the government and rebels reached two years ago. But after the accord was translated into a proposed law, the government insisted on several changes, provoking the wrath of the Zapatistas.

After attempting fruitlessly to per-suade the rebels to accept the alterations, the government finally submitted its own version of the legislation to

Congress.

"The nation demands a solution to the conflict in Chiapas," Interior Minister Francisco Labastida said Sunday

night, "and the federal government agrees with this demand."

The government appeared confident it would receive the votes of the twothirds of the Congress necessary to pass the law. But many politicians and analysts said a resolution remained distant as long as the Zapatistas and govern-

ment were not talking.

Rodolfo Stavenhagen, a sociologist and former adviser to the Zapatistas, said the problem was not so much in the content of the Indian-rights legislation but in the manner in which it was presented. He noted that the government had bypassed a congressional commission in charge of peace negotiations and had not received rebel support for the law.

The legislation would alter the constitution to allow Indian communities greater autonomy in choosing governmental representatives and using traditional forms of justice. It also guarantees respect for Indian culture in areas such as education.



A masked representative of the Zapatista rebels speaking to a visiting Portuguese writer, Jose Saramago, right, in Chiapas.

"setup" to gain evidence for the defense. "The worst part of it," she said, is that "one

#### POLITICAL

#### Congress Lays Low, And the Public Likes It

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers often joke that Congress is never more popular than when in recess — but this year it is no Abortion-rights advocates vowed to chaljoke. Recess is a strategy, and it seems to be

working, at least for now. After taking its longest nonelection-year recess in three decades over the winter months, Congress is now embarked on one of its shortest sessions in memory, marked fice. by abbreviated workweeks and long holiday breaks. Barely 50 full working days and a couple of dozen half-days remain before its scheduled adjournment in early October. And prospects for action on major

bills are murky. But the Republican-controlled Con- to court. gress's popularity with voters, as measured for their long midwinter recess in November. A Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll

At least 20 s approved of the job that Congress is doing while 29 percent disapproved, its highest rating of this decade.

Republicans acknowledge that the nation's soaring economy and mellow political mood have contributed to high ratings. But they also contend that the balanced budget agreement last year and the surplus this year have given them a historic achievement that will define this Congress. (WP)

#### State Abortion Battles

As the United States continues its debate

over late-term abortions, four states moved last week toward banning the procedure.

In Florida, the Senate, following similar House action the week before, voted to override Governor Lawton Chiles's veto of a ban on a type of late-term abortion that opponents call a partial-birth abortion. lenge the ban in court.

One measure of the political heat in the abortion issue out in the states: The Florida override was the first for Mr. Chiles. a Democrat, in his seven-plus years in of-

In Virginia and West Virginia, the legislatures completed final action on bills that

would ban the late-term procedure. In both states, the governors indicated they would go along with the legislatures, and abortion-rights supporters vowed to go

The Oklahoma House also passed a ban by recent polls, is on the rise. It took a on the procedure. There was doubt in that substantial leap shortly after lawmakers left state, however, that the Senate would vote

At least 20 state legislatures have passed this month showed 57 percent of Americans abortion bans of some type, and most of those laws are under court attack. (NYT)

#### Quote/Unquote

Ralph Reed, the former executive director of the Christian Coalition and now a Republican political consultant, on the South, where Republican governors have been elected in all the once solidly Democratic states of the old Confederacy, except Georgia: "If the Republicans elect a governor in Georgia, I think the South is moving irrevocably and irreversibly toward being a one-party region."

## Verdict on Sergeant Major: No Room for Nuance

the charges were made

against Sergeant Major

McKinney, the army had little alternative but vigorous prosecution, Mr. Fidell and

others said. There had been

the debauchery of the U.S. Navy's Tailhook convention

and the resulting scandal; the

case of the bomber pilot

Kelly Flinn, discharged after

an adulterous relationship;

dal of army drill sergeants'

abusing young female re-cruits at the Aberdeen Prov-

ing Ground in Maryland. All

eyes were on the Military District of Washington.

army had no choice given

where our society and the de-fense establishment were

when the case unfolded," Mr. Fidell said. "If there was

not trial, the army would still

be on the defensive a year

from now about whether it

really cared about the in-

terests of women in a coedu-

Dana Priest of The Wash-

Five of the women who

accused Sergeant Major

cational workplace.

**■** The Consequences

ington Post reported:

"As a practical matter, the

But in the context in which McKinney of sexual miscon-

duct say that their lives have

been severely damaged by

the case and blamed the army

ally during the ordeal.

By Jane Gross

New York Times Service FORT BELVOIR, Virginia — When military jurors here considered sexual misconduct charges against Sergeant Major Gene McKinney, they were caught in the nar same muddle that often comdeplicates such harassment cases, whether civilian or military: whom to believe elsond a man says another.

re. Faced with conflicting enistimony, little physical ev-18 ence six accusers whose clustredibility was questioned the find a defendant with an otherwise shining reputation, the jurors concluded they could not say beyond a rea : as sonable doubt that there had been sexual misconduct.

- The eight jurors, four of-ficers and four enlisted soldiers, exonerated Sergeant Major McKinney on 18 of 19 Charges on Friday. They spi found him guilty of one count, obstruction of justice, that re-lated to a telephone call in which he tried to persuade his chief accuser to tell investigators that their conversations were only about professional development. Unknown to him, his accuser was cooper-

ating with the prosecution and recording the call. In keeping with practice in courts-martial, the jurors did not make themselves available for comment. Sergeant Major McKinney, 47, who was formerly the army's top nenlisted man, faces a max-...44 imum sentence of five years in prison and a disbonorable discharge for the obstruction

of justice conviction. The sergeant major was on trial for many offenses that would not be crimes in the civilian world. But the Uniform Code of Military Justice sets higher standards of con-duct to maintain an orderly fighting force and prevent abuses of power in a hierarchical system where men and women live and work together 24 hours a day.

The higher standard is necessary, legal experts gener-

if not separate buildings."

**Away From Politics** 

the mother. "It's not chaotic. It's busy."

Defense Secretary William Cohen told the army, navy and the air force that they could continue to mix the sexes in basic training, but should ensure they are housed in "separate areas,

A document dealer who sold papers he claimed proved that President John Kennedy had an affair with Marilyn Monroe was arrested on fraud charges. Lawrence Cusack provided the author Seymour Hersh with documents paportedly showing that Mr. Kennedy bought Miss Monroe's silence. (AP)

The parents of the world's first set of surviving septuplets

need a bin of 120 diapers, are helped by 60 volunteers around

the clock in Carlisle, lowa, and make about 40 feeding bottles

a day. No problem, they say. "People think it's chaos in here all the time, but really it isn't," said Bobbi McCaughey, 29.

stakes are higher: life and death for the soldiers themselves and for the defense of the nation. But in cases like Sergeant Major McKinney's, where an unwanted kiss is considered assault and a provocative remark a solicitation of adultery, a court-martial may be too blunt an instrument for determining right and wrong, some legal

terpersonal relationships like these," said Eugene Fidell, president of the National Institute of Military Justice. "But the switch only has two positions: On and off. It may be a poor fit to use the criminal-justice system here."

Mr. Fidell pointed to what seemed at times a dissonance between the charges and the events in the McKinney case. Charge I, Specification 1, for example, was maltreatment of Staff Sergeant Christine Fetrow, for "repeatedly calling her and asking her to come for drinks to the hotel where he was staying.

Charge III, Specification 4, was indecent assault of Ms. Ferrow for "grabbing her waist, hugging her and kissing her face.'

And Additional Charge I assault and battery, is for touching Major Michelle Gunzelman ''on her arm with his hand and then pulling her

Mr. Fidell said that, without trivializing the concept of sexual harassment, provoking outrage over an invitation for drinks or a ham-handed physical advance could be difficult, especially when a conviction can carry harsh

"On paper, you could jam those facts into those cate-gories, yes," Mr. Fidell said. "But if the jurors think the categories have taken an ar-tificial turn, they won't play. We haven't completely decoupled the notion of moral stigma from criminal law. And we are trying to use criminal law here to penalize conduct that society tells us has little if any stigma in the

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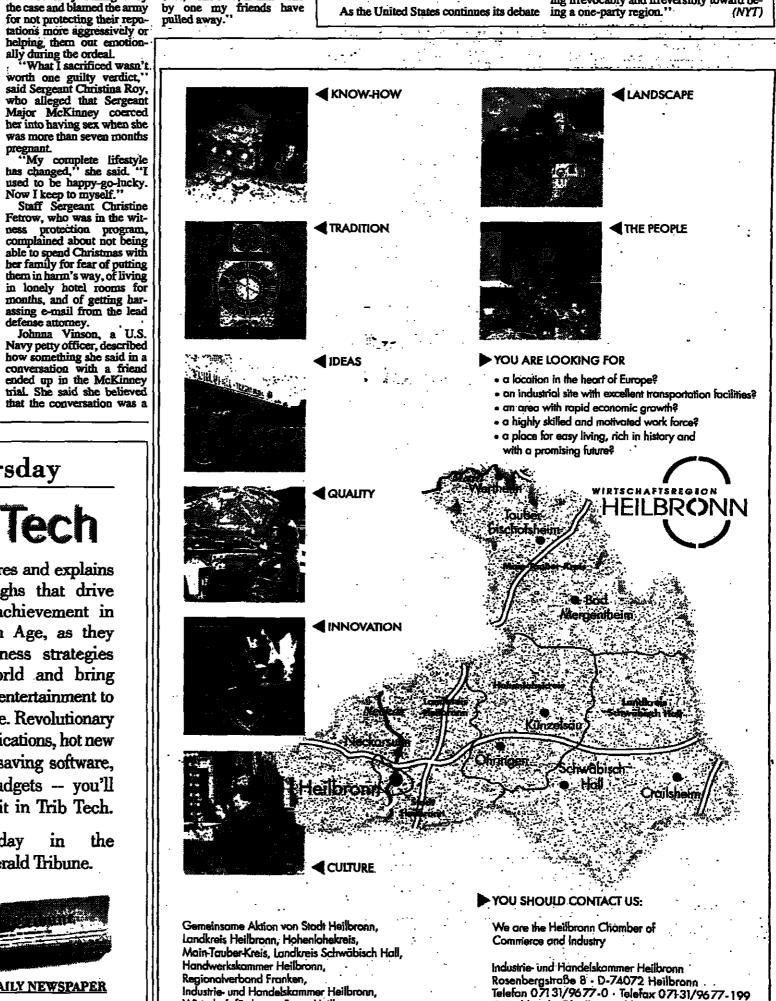
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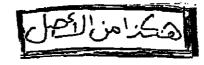
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## Let's Talk, Not Quarrel, About Rights

mission on Human Rights. As the 53-nation rights body

convened for its annual session at international relations. Geneva's Palais des Nations, both the European Union and the United States announced that they would no longer try to put Beijing in the dock, following from Beijing and in Geneva, its chief delegate, Wu Jianmin, spoke with Robert Kroon for the IHT.

will not have to confront Western resolutions on your country's human rights policies. How does that make you feel? A. I feel more relaxed. The European

Union and the United States made wise decisions. There are better ways than Cold War-type confrontations when addressing human rights in China.

In the field of human rights, the United States and my country share common points, but we also have our differences. We don't think we are perfect. If the United States thinks we have flaws, let them voice their concerns in dialogue, not confrontation.

Q. What are the common points you share with Western nations?

A. The universality of human rights, the protection of those rights worldwide and the fact that nobody is perfect, as I

But there are different views. Let's take the Tibet issue. The outside world doesn't understand our position. Under the Dalai Lama, Tibetans lived in serfdom, they had no civil rights.

It is simply not true that China is suppressing religion in Tibet, because modernization drive. freedom of religion is enshrined in our

Q. The new Western leniency in judging your human rights record may have more to do with business considerations than anything else. Correct?

A. I don't think so. We have business relations with many countries, and those relations are driven by mutual interests.

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Q. For the first time in many years you forth allowed in China? A. If you read Chinese newspapers and watch our TV, you will find critical opinions. We think criticism is healthy and the government welcomes criticism, provided it respects our national laws.

Q. Under the new Declaration on Hulike Harry Wu and Wei Jingsheng now be allowed to speak up in China?

A. No, because they have broken the law. Like any other country, we have a national rule of law, which is not necessarily universal. And this rule of law

must be respected. Q. Mr. Wei is scheduled to address the Human Rights Commission. Do you intend to listen to what he has to say?

A. We have had so-called dissidents at previous sessions. It is standard practice of certain nongovernmental groups to bring people like Mr. Wei before the commission, and I know what he is going to say. There are 1.2 billion Chinese, and a few dissident voices

won't change our policy. After all, the Chinese revolution was about human rights, and so is our current

empty stomachs takes priority.

Q. Are you saying that a nation's size entitles it to set its own human rights standards?

A. May I remind you that China has endorsed the universality of human rights at the policy-making World Hu-Trade and human rights are totally 1993. There may be different priorities tea.

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and viewpoints about the application of collective and individual human rights, but the international community is marked by diversity of opin-

It's like a husband and a wife in a Q. In addition to the Convention on marriage. If we were all alike, the world would be a boring place. So, in striving supported a Geneva working group's for human rights, we should focus on common ground, not on what divides us. covenants. China praised that decision ers. This would seem to guarantee pro- The Cold War is over, but the Cold War mentality is still alive in certain quarters. that mean that criticism of the govern- Patience and cooperation are the only way to get results.

> Q. Speaking of collective human rights, how do you feel about the attacks on the Chinese community in Indonesia, the scapegoat for the current economic crisis? How would China react if there were another explosion in Indonesia like man Rights Defenders, would dissidents in the '60s, when half a million people were slaughtered, including countless

A. First of all, the Chinese you refer to are Indonesian and not Chinese citizens, despite their ethnic roots. Still, the Chinese government is following the situation very closely. I don't think there will be a repeat of the events of 1965. We want Indonesia to stabilize and I hope they will overcome their current problems, which is a result of the economic

Q. The opening of the Human Rights session coincides with the resumption of the four-power talks on North Korea. Pyongyang wants help from the international community, but there's still no access to that country. No human rights problems there?

A. We are good friends of the Demo-freedom of speech is great, but filling cratic People's Republic of Korea, and we don't interfere in their affairs.

We have had four-power talks on stabilizing the Korean Peninsula since 1953. We have a special delegation in Geneva for the four-power meeting, and all I can say is that the resumption of the talks is a good sign.

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Yoon Yong Ki, right, being embraced by a friend after his release from prison in Taejon, South Korea.

## Korean Freed From Jail, but Not Agony

Seoul's Amnesty Leaves Political Prisoner of 39 Years Unrepentant

By Don Kirk

SEOUL - Yoon Yong Ki wept as he described the greatest agony of his 39 years as a political prisoner in South

'My wife died of cancer four months ago," said Mr. Yoon, 73, the country's longest serving "prisoner of con-science" among 74 political prisoners freed Friday. "Right before she died, she came to see me in prison. She said, 'They say you can come out if you just sign a statement of confession.' She said she had no other wish. She said, 'I just wish I could live with you before I die.' "

As he had done countless other times since his capture in 1959 on a spy mission for North Korea after the Korean War, Mr. Yoon refused to sign what would have been a passport for early release.

"More than the beatings or torture or threats, what my wife said was the hardest to deal with," Mr. Yoon said. "I thought she may have believed I had no love for her. It hurts me to think she passed away thinking that I did not love

her, just for not signing a statement."
President Kim Dae Jung freed 2,304 prisoners on Friday as part of a general amnesty celebrating his inauguration on Feb. 25, but kept in jail more than 400 political prisoners, drawing criticism from human rights activists. Although Mr. Kim himself was jailed for six years as a political prisoner, he has reaffirmed his support for the nation's tough national security law.

Mr. Yoon remains unrepentant. "I had no guilt when I heard the final verdict on my case on Jan. 29, 1960," said Mr. Yoon, who was captured and charged as a North Korean spy two days

separating North and South Korea. "I did nothing wrong. I was very proud even when wearing handcuffs."

Mr. Yoon, originally from the northern part of South Korea, said that he wound up in the North after its forces invaded South Korea in 1950. He said he was forced to go to North when the forces retreated. He returned to the South in 1959 on what he called a mission to "recruit people" in order "to bring about peaceful reunification."

Mr. Yoon said he "felt guilty of a crime," however, when he learned he was leaving the prison in the city of Taejon, south of Seoul, while his close friend, Woo Yong Gak, and many others remained in their tiny cells.

'It was so terrible leaving those prisoners behind me," he said, speaking in Korean through an interpreter from Minkahyup, the human rights group most involved in fighting for freedom for all the prisoners.

The difference between the cases of Mr. Yoon and Mr. Woo is simple: Although both have steadfastly refused to along with five others because they are more than 70 years old. Mr. Woo, whose 71st birthday is in six months, may be a candidate for release at that time.

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I'm free to talk about whatever goes on inside," said Mr. Yoon. "You don't know what kind of consequences there may be. I don't want to inflict that pain on them. They have suffered enough." Still, he offered glimmerings into life in prison as he talked about the pressure confess.

"Once inside, they told us to sell our souls, to denounce our beliefs, everything we believed in," he said. "As a human being I could not." For the first two or three decades of

was almost a daily routine. "They would shove statements in front of you and subject you to all sorts of torture," he said. "Nowadays, they leave sign confessions, Mr. Yoon was released it up to you" whether to sign or not.

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### Koreas, U.S. and China Open New Talks

The Associated Press

GENEVA — Envoys from North and

The session started after a delay of several hours. Although delegates said nothing publicly about the reason for the wait, speculation centered on North Korea's insistence that the withdrawal after crossing the Demilitarized Zone of the 37,000 American troops from 1950-53 Korean War.

South Korea should be on the agenda. Earlier in the day, the envoys appeared upbeat when they entered the conference center where the talks - the result of years of behind-the-scenes diplomacy by the United States and others

an initial two-day session in December The main item on the agenda is a permanent peace treaty to replace the

South Korea, the United States and China opened a new round of talks Monday aimed at easing decades of tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

are taking place. The meeting follows

#### BRIEFLY

#### Manila and Rebels Sign Rights Accord

THE HAGUE — Moving closer to ending one of the world's longest Marxist insurgencies, the Philippines government signed a human rights agreement with exiled Communist rebels

Monday and urged a cease-fire. Representatives from Manila hailed the agreement, saying it should greatly reduce armed conflicts in the nearly

three-decade rebellion.

The accord, called the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law, is the first of four agreements the two sides hope to reach in a political

#### Afghan Rivals Reach Shaky Truce in City

KABUL - An uneasy truce Monday ended a weekend of street battles

red in the face

between rival Afghan factions battling for control of the northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif.

The cease-fire between the two groups was brokered by other members of the anti-Taleban alliance, a spokesman for the alliance said. The partners planned to meet soon in Mazar-i-Sharif to discuss a permanent

cease-fire, he added. It was not expected to be easy, since sporadic fighting was reported outside

#### Hindu Leader Busy

NEW DELHI - Atal Bihari Vajpayce, India's prime minister-desig-nate, juggled Monday with cabinet portfolios and laid plans for his co-alition, which is led by Hindu nationalists of the Bharatiya Janata Party.
President K.R. Narayanan invited the

party on Sunday to form the country's next government by Thursday, ending two weeks of suspense after general elections returned a hung Parliament. On Monday, party supporters powder to celebrate Mr. Vajpayee's return to the prime ministry he held for only 13 days back in 1996. (Reuters)

thronged outside Mr. Vaipayee's

home in New Delhi. They beat drums,

lit firecrackers and threw colored

#### Hong Kong Cholera

HONG KONG - Health officials stepped up checks on imported seafood Monday to combat a cholera outbreak following reports that 25 more people had been stricken.

The latest victims were among three tour groups that visited Thailand this month, a Hong Kong government statement said.

So far, the government has confirmed 43 cholera cases, including other tourists and people who became sick after eating seafood imported from Thailand.

Thailand's deputy health minister. Theerawat Siriwansanon, said that there has been an outbreak of "severe diarrhea," not cholera, in his coun-

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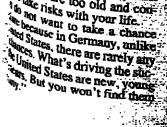
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## **Jospin Happy That Vote** Didn't Chastise the Left

In Some Regions, Le Pen's Party Is Arbiter

By Joseph Fitchett International Herald Tribune

PARIS - Victory in voting for regional councils carried a hidden message of satisfaction for the Socialist-led government: the absence of voter back-lash against the incumbent party of the sort that was starting to become automatic in French politics.

This hint of a cautious political gain For the Socialists was seized on Monday by Prime Minister Lionel Jospin in his only public comment on the outcome of Sunday's regional elections, which produced a dull campaign and a record

"I attach great significance to the fact that, for the first time in a long time, the electorate did not use the occasion of an intermediary election to deliver a sanction to the ruling party," Mr. Jospin said

on radio Monday.

The final results showed that his coalition of Socialists, Communists and Greens won 36.5 percent of the popular (1) vote, giving Mr. Jospin and his allies a slight edge over the 36 percent scored

## **Schroeder Bids** For Labor Vote In His Program

By John Schmid ional Herald Tribum

FRANKFURT — Eager to preserve their lead in opinion polls, Germany's opposition Social Democrats endorsed an election program Monday that courts labor and avoids any mention of the sacrifices that the nation is likely to face after the election Sept. 27.

Strategists for Chancellor Helmut Kohl, meanwhile, announced a shakeup in his re-election team, Mr. Kohl relinquished his role as chairman of the Christian Democratic election platform commission and handed the job to Wolfgang Schaeuble, his popular parliamentary faction leader and eventual

Mr. Kohl, who remains party chairman, ignored calls that he step down and allow Mr. Schaeuble to become the party's new standard bearer. Mr. Kohl remains the "Number One," said the party's general secretary, Peter Hintze, refuting a report in Der Spiegel news-magazine that the party already entertains "concrete scenarios" for an even-

tual Schaeuble transition. Gerhard Schroeder, the Social Democrat's candidate to challenge Mr. Kohl, hailed his party's 35-page manifesto as 'the most decisively market-oriented ever presented by the SPD." Speaking after a meeting of the party's 13-mem-ber national board, Mr. Schroeder said, it is clear we are ready to take risks and

embrace new technology."

18. German business leaders and econcluur omists have criticized Mr. Schroeder's the platform because it would repeal economic reforms launched by Mr. Kohl and because some of its pro-business positions are considered to be merely rhetorical.

Painful economic reforms are inevitable for the next Bonn government, political analysts argue, because of the dual competitive pressures stemming from globalization and the new Euro-

Mr. Kohl has been open about the necessity for change, but Mr. Schroeder so far has been vague.

In an appeal to big labor, Mr. Schroeder's document calls for the revival of consensus-building discussions with unions, industry and government to search for a solution to the nation's record unemployment.

It omits discussion of what such solu-

by the conservative coalition of Gaullists and center-rightists. Splinter factions shared roughly 12 percent of

Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front won 15.5 percent, a figure in line with its showing in most recent national ballots. That will give the Front enough seats to play a stronger political role in several regions, mainly in the south of France and in Alsace, commentators said.

In national terms, that outcome roughly maintains the awkward-appearing but apparently workable political balance that has prevailed in France since parliamentary elections 10 months

Even though the country seems ideologically on the right, the taboo against cooperation with the National Front means that power is wielded by the broad Socialist-led coalition.

The voting Sunday seemed to confirm that Mr. Jospin has been shrewd to shun confrontation with the trade unions and try to mitigate the pain of accepting market forces in the economy, even if it often costs the country time in making changes that many French people believe are inevitable.

Mr. Jospin must constantly look over his shoulder at President Jacques Chirac, a conservative, who has gained personal popularity in recent months as he has sought to cast himself as a national mod-

erator, without seeking any initiative. That power-sharing seems to suit Mr. Jospin's own cautious style, and the results of the regional elections sug-gested that neither Mr. Chirac nor Mr. Jospin can see any advantage in seeking to cut short this power-sharing arrange-ment until the next regular election in

The full political outcome of the regional voting will not be known until Friday, when the newly elected council members vote for presidents of their

The presidents have considerable autonomy and powers of initiative in setting the agenda and channeling the increasingly substantial

The results seemed to give the Socialist-led coalition control of at least 12 of the 22 regional councils. Conservatives had run all but two of the councils for six years since the last election.

But this week will see feverish bargaining in some councils with no clear majority, and the Socialists may gain control of even more regions if local conservatives respect their leaders' orders against even facit alliances with the

anonal Profit.

The Front did not win enough votes in any single region to gain control of a

depressed south.

No Accord in Italy Strike Talks

ROME — The Italian government and union leaders

failed to reach an agreement Monday that would avoid a

general strike over the issue of job creation in the country's

After an inconclusive meeting, the two sides said they would hold further talks next week. Unions say the government has failed to carry out plans agreed to over the last

two years. The strike would take place at the end of March.

erament of Prime Minister Romano Prodi. He risks losing

the support of the Refounded Communist Party, whose

Another Murder in Maze Prison

BELFAST - Protestant leaders in Northern Ireland

The victim, David Keys, 26, had been charged with

taking part in the murders of a Protestant and a Roman

Catholic earlier this month. He was apparently killed by

other Protestant prisoners. In December, prisoners killed Billy Wright, leader of the outlawed Loyalist Volunteer

assailed Britain on Monday after a Protestant inmate was

votes he needs for a majority in Parliament.

The jobs issue could have implications for the gov-



CAMERA-SHY — An ethnic Albanian boy awaiting a meal Monday in the village of Tushila, 50 kilometers west of the capital of Kosovo. His family fled their village after a Serbian police crackdown.

wave of retaliatory sectarian shootings.

"ardent apologist" for the IRA.

U.S. Envoy in Dublin Resigning

DUBLIN - Jean Kennedy Smith is stepping down as

the American ambassador to Ireland this summer after five

years in the post and returning to the United States.

Prime Minister Bertie Ahern salued Mrs. Kennedy

Smith on Monday, in particular praising her for helping to get a U.S. visa in 1994 for the Sinn Fein leader, Gerry

Adams. Raymond Seitz, the former U.S. ambassador in

London, recently accused Mrs. Kennedy Smith of being an

MADRID - French authorities extradited a suspected

Jesus Maria Beaumont Barberena, 30, is suspected of

member of the Basque separatist group ETA to Spain on

having headed an ETA cell in the northern Navarra region

from 1985 to 1987. Another Basque group, Gestoras Pro

Amnistia, condemned the move, saying France "will be

responsible for the radical response this deserves." (AFP)

France Extradites ETA Suspect

Monday, the Spanish Interior Ministry said.

council, but they could provide enough. extra votes to save several regions for

But in the region including Provence-Alps-Cote d'Azur, Mr. Le Pen's list garnered more than 30 percent of the vote and 37 seats, a larger bloc than that of the Socialists and its allies or the conservative coalition.

Faced with this proof that mainstream conservatives have been discredited in this region after a series of scandals, Francois Leotard, the leading centerright politician, announced late Monday that he would not run for the council's presidency - in effect, leaving open the door to a Socialist victory.

Similarly, other political gains, going beyond statistical victory, seem likely to pocketed by the Socialists in the overall outcome.

The rich and highly symbolic Ile-de-France region, which includes Paris, will pass to Socialist control for the first time since the regional councils were

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created in the mid-1980s. The outgoing council was tarred by widespread suspicions of corruption, and the issue was sufficiently salient for Finance Minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn, leading the Socialist ticket, to make a point of publicly disassociating himself last week from a former fellow Socialist minister, Roland Dumas, who is facing indict-

ment proceedings.

The Isle-de-France battle involved conservative heavyweights, Charles Pasqua, a former interior min-ister, and Edouard Balladur, a former prime minister, who was credited Monday by analysts with staving off an anticonservative landslide in the capital it-

With a dozen or more regional councils under their control, the Socialists are poised to complete their comeback as a national political machine that, for the moment, controls most local govemment as well as a narrow parliamentary majority.

## Despite Kosovo's Turmoil, Macedonia Remains Calm

Neighbor Is Also Home to Many Albanians

By Christine Spolar Washington Post Service

SKOPJE, Macedonia — Violence in the nearby Serbian province of Kosovo meant that hundreds of United Nations soldiers were looking for trouble to pour over the icy mountaintops here. But neither refugees nor armed smugglers braved the paths — whipped by wind and knee-deep in snow - that lead from

in fact, the mountains outside this capital were so peaceful last week that some of the UN soldiers, part of a preventive force, were allowed to go on leave. The rest of the 750 U.S. and Swedish soldiers here increased patrols, but no additional soldiers were needed. "It's a very calm place," said Ser-

geant Peter Almroth of the Swedish Army, donning a bulletproof vest and helmet to climb an observation tower. "We keep hearing radio reports about possible refugees, but nobody's coming down those hills."

Macedonia is the outside region first expected to reverberate to the violence in Kosovo between Serbian troops and ethnic Albanians; some observers foresee a conflict possibly spreading from here to Greece and even Turkey. Since ethnic tensions simmer in this tiny country of 2.2 million people, no one is ever sure when or whose political calculations could upset an edgy equilibrium.

"The relationship between here and Kosovo is not immediate," a Western observer said. And the political situation here "is not anywhere near the polarization of Kosovo. But all that said, if the situation in Kosovo is allowed to deteriorate, polarization could develop here and be exploited."

Macedonia, a former republic of Yugoslavia, falls behind only Albania and Kosovo as a home for ethnic Albanians. Among its citizens, between a quarter and a third identify themselves as Albanian.

Tensions rise in this young democracy because of its ethnic mix and its neighborhood. The ethnic Albanian political elite here openly aspires to more political power. It also espouses support for neighboring Albanians. But how much the Macedonian Albanians in fact contribute to the plans and dreams of the Kosovo Albanians - whose political leadership wants an independent state --- remains a Balkan riddle.

The Albanians of Macedonia have close emotional ties to Kosovo. Arben Xhaferi, leader of the radical Democratic Party of Albania, said his party supported economic and humanitarian aid, but shied away from the idea that arms are part of the aid package.

Mr. Xhaferi said be did not know if the Kosovo Liberation Army — the rebel group that apparently spurred a confrontation with Serbia — had links to Macedonia. But, he said, "As pressure grows higher, the emotional disposition of Albanians is more likely to

support" the rebels.
There is plenty of illegal arms movement between borders, according to the local press, but no one has made a link between political parties here and in Kosovo. And no one has proven that Albanian rebels are behind the flow.

Last year, Macedonian Army and police forces reportedly seized 3,000 automatic weapons from Albanians who tried to enter the country illegally, according to the daily newspaper Dnevnik. There are clear differences between

the political landscapes of Kosovo and Macedonia. In Kosovo, the Albanians - who account for 90 percent of the population - boycott all government institutious and elections to protest what they see as tyrannical Serbian control. In Macedonia, the Albanians have political parties, regularly participate in elections, account for a sixth of all seats in Parliament and hold five government

But Albanians in Macedonia are a minority and have yet to wrest their fair share from the ruling class.

By anyone's count, they are underrepresented in daily government. Al-banians represent no more than 3 percent of all police forces and no more than

5 percent of all government positions. In the last four years, the Albaniah community has formed a private university - unrecognized by the state to prepare its youth to teach and lead. ■ U.S. Warns Milosevic

With a deadline three days away, the United States said Monday that there was still no sign that the Yugoslav president, Slobodan Milosevic, was complying with major power demands on Kosovo and that more sanctions against his country were likely. Reuters reported from Washington.

"There is no sign he is reversing course," the State Department spokesman, James Rubin, said of Mr. Mr-

He added that the first item majer power foreign ministers would discuss at a meeting on Kosovo on March & would be a freeze on Yugoslav assets. Mr. Rubin confirmed that Secretary of State Madeleine Albright would preside over the meeting of the foreign midisters, representing the Contact Group countries that oversee peace efforts in Bosnia — the United States, France, Britain, Germany, Italy and Russia.

#### **CHURCH:** Act of 'Repentance'

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no responsibility for the racial theories

that guided Nazism.
"We cannot ignore the difference which exists between anti-Semitism, based on theories contrary to the con-stant teaching of the church on the unify of the human race and on the equal dignity of all races and peoples, and the long-standing sentiments of mistrust and hostility that we call anti-Judaism, & which, unfortunately, Christians also have been guilty," the document said.; The German Catholic bishops, in a

statement on the Holocaust issued in 1995, spoke of the church's 'co-respon-' for the tragedy, echoing a phrase used by German Protestants soon after the end of World War II. Last year, the French bishops conference asked the Jewish people for forgiveness for the church's failure to defend them during the Nazi occupation of France.

Several Jewish commentators Monta day were critical of the Vatican document for failing to produce a similar accounting of the Rome-based church's record during the Nazi era, and for offering a vigorous defense of Pope Pius XII, a figure who has become the historical lightning rod for debates about the church and the Holocaust.

The document ignores the frequent accusations made against Pius XII, dwelling instead in a lengthy footnote on de-tailed recollections from the many Jews who were saved in Catholic churches; monasteries and convents during the war. and on the words of praise for the wartime pope issued by Jewish leaders.

"There are positive elements to the document," said Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress. "But there are also problems — the gratuitous defense of the silence of Pius XII, and the failure to discuss the role of the church as an institution."

The document does speak of the widespread failure of leaders and governments throughout the Western world, "including North and South America," to recognize the scope of the catastrophe that had befallen the Jews, and to save them.
The closing of borders to Jewish emigration in those circumstances, whether due to anti-Jewish hostility or suspicion, political cowardice or shortsightedness, or national selfishness, lays a heavy burden of conscience on the authorities in question," the document said.

#### GERMANY: For the Young, Entrepreneurial Zeal Trails Security

murdered in Maze prison.

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risks. Unless we find a way to encourage greater initiative, we are heading for a lot of trouble in the 21st century."

As Germany heads toward national elections this September, Chancellor according to the Intel Corp. chairman, Helmut Kohl and his Social Democratic Andrew Grove. challenger, Gerhard Schroeder, insist that the country must establish a culture tant to finance the dreams of the few of self-reliance to adapt to modern challenges wrought by global markets and the information revolution.

But both men are reluctant to tamper with the womb-to-tomb security that German voters cherish. While the two nies in Germany while nearly \$10 billion profess a desire to lower taxes and reward private initiative, their actions U.S. economy, according to a Price Waspeak differently: Mr. Kohl has raised terhouse LLP survey. taxes 14 times during his 16 years in power, while Mr. Schroeder recently rescue a failing steel company in his

state of Lower Saxony. Mr. Plattner and other business leaders complain that the state sector which accounts for more than half of the economy - has extinguished much of the nation's competitive fire and likely to become dinosaurs in the fast-

moving world of high technology. People often leave university when they are in their 30s," Mr. Plattner said. "At that age, you are too old and conservative to take risks with your life.

'You do not want to take a chance in the United States, there are rarely any second chances. What's driving the success of the United States are new, young entrepreneurs. But you won't find them

. in Germany. Nobody dares to take any scientific research, Germans have been in the computer sector." slow to embrace the computer culture. The United States has twice as many personal computers per capita and 10 times the volume of e-mail as Germany,

> German banks are notoriously relucyoung Germans who wish to emulate Microsoft Corp.'s chairman, Bill Gates. Venture capital remains woefully scarce: In 1996, a bit more than \$380 million was invested in start-up compain venture capital was poured into the

Twenty years ago, every fifth person in Germany ran his or her own business; approved \$500 million in public funds to today, only 9 percent of the German work force is self-employed. And only 10 percent of new college graduates want to start a business, a recent poll of major universities showed, while more than 50 percent want to work for the

"The world has changed, yet people fostered leviathan companies that are in Germany want to cling to the status quo," said Horst Siebert, head of the Institute of World Economics in Kiel. Business and educational leaders warn that two other factors are damaging

Germany's efforts to remain prominent

information technology plus laws that "You do not want to take a chance with failure because in Germany, unlike regulate almost every aspect of work.

"This fear of the digital age is be-

Despite their wealth, high educational come close to finding enough people standards and a respected tradition of who are willing and able to perform jobs

The government has only compounded the problem with its regulations, Mr. Harms said. Parliament approved a law last month requiring "information technicians" to complete three years of formal training, plus three years of on-thejob experience, before they qualify to set up a company or take over a business.

The unwelcoming investment climate compels many leading German companies to secure their future prosperity clsewhere. In the last year, nearly \$3 billion in net investments flowed out of the country.

Instead of supporting innovative industries that create jobs, Germany lavishes billions of dollars annually on state subsidies to protect such antiquated sectors as coal and steel. Since German coal costs three times as much to extract as it does in places such as South Africa or the United States, the state pays \$85,000 a year just to preserve each of the 70,000 German coal-mining jobs.

But those subsidies have not stopped unemployment from climbing past 12 percent, with nearly 5 million people out of work, a level not seen in Germany since Hitler rose to power in 1933. While many Germans acknowledge the need for reforms, they also expect the government to insulate them from the harsh effects of globalization by sustaining in the global economy: an aversion to jobs in outmoded industries and funding

the generous welfare state.

Mr. Plattner, the software maker, says this mentality poses the most serious coming a serious liability for the econ- threat to Germany's future. "We do not omy," said Jorg Menno Harms, chair-man of Germany's association of he said. "The world is moving faster technology companies. "We can't even with all kinds of new technology."

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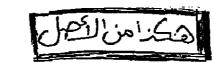
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By Robin Wright

WASHINGTON — In a major break U.S. efforts to close loopholes in the conomic embargo of Iraq. Iran has bein a crackdown on sanctions-breaking I shipments that have earned Saddam ussein's government hundreds of milons of dollars over the past two years. The move is widely interpreted in Washlegion as a positive political gesture by Ethran to the United States, according to enior U.S. officials and regional experts.

#### Defying U.S., Iran **Opens to Investors**

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates A senior Iranian oil official unveiled on Monday a string of oil and gas projects to be opened up to foreign companies, but investors could risk running afoul of U.S.

trade sanctions.

Mahmoud Mohaddes, exploration chief at the state-owned National Iranian Oil Co., told a petroleum conference attended by U.S. and other Western executives that Tehran was fully opening its doors to foreign investment in its vital oil

and gas fields.

Mr. Mohaddes spoke of more than 100 different prospects across Iran that were "wide-open" to foreign investors, whose funds Iran needs to maintain its position as the world's third-largest oil exporter behind Saudi Arabia and Norway.

We invite all foreign companies and contractors to join us to develop and explore for our oil and gas. Mr. Mohaddes said.

This is a pre-official announcement of what is available for international companies," he added. 'The official announcement will come in the next two months.'

President Bill Clinton signed the Iran-Libya Sanctions Act in 1996. The act allows the president a range of penalties that can be imposed on foreign companies that invest more than \$20 million a year in Iran's oil and gas sector.

The projects listed by Mr. Mo-shaddes included, for the first time since the Iranian revolution in 1979, onshore oil and gas fields that were previously considered too political-ly sensitive for foreign developers. Access to giant offshore gas fields was also included in the of-

and up impeding change. "If there were go sanctions, responsible companies

could come in with their financial clout

and knowledge to change things," she said in an interview. "You have to be

realistic. With the government now

boking for ways out of this crisis, it is

exactly the time they need good advice

But the executive committee of the

Mational League for Democracy still

supports sanctions unanimously, said U

"If investment comes in, all the

wealth will go to the generals." said U Tin Oo. "The majority of Burmese

people are farmers, so they are not af-

Because of her change of heart. Ma Thanegi has been called a turncoat to the

party she still supports, but among ac-

"Sanctions are keeping out oppor-

minity," said a former student activist in

Rangoon who now works for an in-

ternational corporation and spoke on

Foreign investment brings contacts

with the outside world, ideas and it can

also be quite subversive, she said.
The office of every Western busi-

said. These can be "powerful tools" in a

Britain's Premier Oil PLC, a major

shareholder in Burma's Yetagun gas

tivists in Burma she is not alone.

Fin Oo, the party's deputy chairman.

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"In terms of global oil markets, the amount is too small to make much difference in price, so the motive and real significance have to be political," said Vahan Zanoyan, an oil analyst and president of Petroleum Finance Co. in Washington. "It's clearly a gesture to show goodwill to the United States."

Tehran's crackdown on what has been the fastest-growing loophole in the economic embargo deals a direct blow to the Iraqi president because the traffic is run by his son, Udai, largely for the benefit of the Hussein family and inner circle, Clinton administration sources

say.

Illegal oil shipments, which reached significant levels in 1996, recently soared to an estimated 100,000 barrels a day, generating up to \$600,000 daily for Mr. Hussein's government after bribes and price discounts, according to James Placke, a former U.S. diplomat in Iraq now with Cambridge Energy Research

Associates.

Iran's crackdown began in mid-February. Since early March, it has cut off more than half of Iraq's illicit oil trade, U.S. officials say. It was begun at the same time Baghdad was being pressured to cooperate with UN weapons inspection. tors - and may have played a significant role in tightening the squeeze on Iraq.

Iran has been able to restrict the flow of petroleum because most ships that have carried Iraqi oil have used forged Iranian papers and passed through Iranian waters, hugging Iran's coastline, U.S. officials say. When the way was clear, the oil-laden ships then sailed into ports of the United Arab Emirates to sell

or barter their cargo.

The Iraqi operation was so effective that only about 5 percent of the illicit oil shipments was intercepted by the U.S.led multinational interdiction force deployed in the Gulf after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait led the United Nations to impose the world's toughest economic embargo.

Iranian National Oil Co. denied that it

was involved in smuggling Iraqi oil. U.S. officials and oil analysts say corrupt Iranian officials were responsible for aiding the Iraqi operation.

The illegal oil trade epitomized traq's often ingenious schemes to defy UN sanctions. It also became the most important source of income for Baghdad to buy equipment to secretly continue developing weapons of mass destruction, U.S. officials say. Under a UN "oil-for-food" program, Iraq has been allowed since 1996 to sell

\$2 billion worth of oil every six months to pay for humanitarian goods. But under a new resolution passed last month the sales will more than double, to \$5.25 billion every six months.

More than just building pipelines, Mr. Morris said, "We import into devel-

oping countries state-of-the-art commu-

nications technology along with a mi-

croculture of the democratic and free

it, the U.S. ban on investment has back-

more by the United States, because we

have lots of raw material and are rich

with natural resources," a cabinet min-

ister, Brigadier General Maung Maung,

said in an interview.
Unlike South Africa, which lost pre-

cious foreign investment to sanctions,

Burma had only just begun to emerge

from decades of when sanctions began to

the dictatorship of General Ne Win led

the country along the Burmese path to

socialism, a xenophobic nationalism that

severed most ties to the outside world.

Burma had enough fertile land to feed

itself without any trade and the gov-

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League for Democracy insists it should

ment continues to consolidate its control

Political change will come, the gen-

erals insist, once economic growth takes

vere unwelcome.
Since the 1990 election, the politics of

Once the world's largest rice exporter,

For more than two decades until 1988,

To hear the Burmese government tell

The adverse effects are being felt

**BURMA:** Some Dissidents Question Usefulness of Sanctions

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pipeline project, echoed that, saying, place. The National League for Democ-international corporations bring the racy, in contrast, says growth should

Ronald Morris, general manager of over the country.



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Mr. Zhu, who will run the government but is ranked third in the party.

As the reshuffled leadership takes over. Chinese and foreign observers are wondering about the possible effect on the National People's Congress and its evolving role. As the new chairman of the standing committee of the legislative body, Mr. Li is replacing Qiao Shi, who was pushed from high office during an autumn party meeting.

The congress is often called a rubber

stamp for party decisions, and it remains largely that. But under Mr. Qiao, it had become more assertive, helping to shape laws and monitoring how they were im-plemented around the country. In recent years, sizable minorities of delegates have also made protest votes to register unhappiness with the government's response to crime, for example, or to express opposition to the costly, giant Three Gorges Dam on the Yangtze.

Monday in Beijing as he was being elected vice president of China. The question is whether, under the more conservative Mr. Li, the congress

rule of law. But some analysts point out party to save itself is to become a party of that Mr. Li will now see the congress as

his own base of power.
"He wouldn't be the first person to move there and start to become a bornagain fan of legislative autonomy," said Murray Scot Tanner, a political scientist at Western Michigan University who has studied the National People's Congress. 'If Li Peng is to have a bureaucracy to support him on policy issues, it will be the N.P.C.'s bureaucracy." Curiously, the liberal No. 2 at the con-

gress, Tian Jiyun, the first deputy chairman, will stay on in that influential job. He was allied with Mr. Qiao and before that was associated with Zhao Ziyang, the former Communist Party head who was removed in 1989 when he expressed cussion and choice. too much sympathy for the pro-democracy students. Mr. Zhao remains under house arrest

and Mr. Tian is a rare former associate formance of the government, especially now in high office, including, in his case, a spot in the Politburo.

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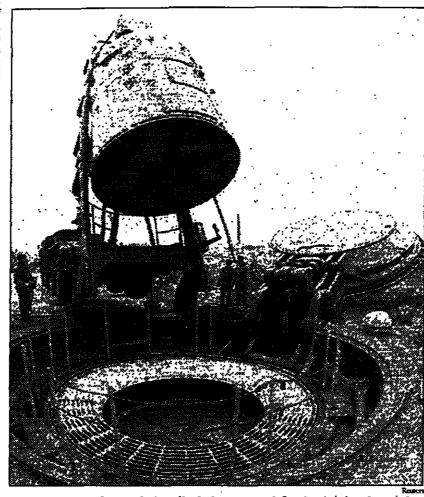
Mr. Li and Mr. Tian have been acrimonious rivals in the past and how they can get along in the congress is unclear. But Mr. Li has secured the appointment of one of his followers. He Chunlin, to the key post of secretary-general of the con-gress, the person who directly supervises

s expanding professional staff.

Despite the differences in emphasis among these various senior leaders, none have questioned the central role of the Communist Party in ruling China. But some, like Mr. Tian, have put more emphasis on fostering more open dis-

A major emphasis of the reform wing, too, has been using provincial and national legislators to monitor the perat local levels where corruption is a serious problem and laws often are ig-

## RUST: As Its Nuclear Arsenal Withers Away, Russia Gropes for New Role as Superpower



Hu Jintao returning the applause

A strategic nuclear missile silo being opened for inspection by rocket forces at a site about 70 kilometers from Saratov in southeastern Russia.

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proposal is for Russia simply to abandon the bilateral arms-control process with the United States and go its own way with a small, independent nuclear force.

In the West, too, the decline of Russia's strategic forces could have serious repercussions, raising questions about the size and posture of U.S. forces. Some see it as a chance for the United States to pursue still-deeper cuts in nuclear weapons, including a new strategic arms agreement, that would keep Washington and Moscow at approximate balance, "locking in" the lower Russian levels with formal treaties.

Only a decade ago, when the Soviet arsenal hit its peak, the Pentagon warned that a parade of new weapons systems was being deployed, including the SS-18 Satan missile, the supersonic Blackjack bomber, and the giant Typhoon ballisticmissile submarine.

Today, that momentum has stopped. The Typhoons, Satans and Blackjacks are doomed. Russia, the sole heir of the Soviet nuclear forces, still has thousands of warheads. But the mechanical leviathans needed to carry them are deteriorating.

The Russian landscape is littered with stark evidence of this decline. At Russia's Northern and Far Eastern ports, nuclear-powered submarines are piling up in watery junkyards. The largest group of Blackjack bombers is rusting away in Ukraine. Even the core of the Russian strategic deterrent, the missile force, is expected to shrink dramatically in the years ahead.

According to the estimates, Russia's nuclear forces are shrinking even faster than the START-2 treaty will require. The treaty, which called for both sides to have between 3,500 and 3,000 warheads, was signed five years ago but has yet to be ratified by the lower house of the Russian Parliament, the State Duma.

Even more striking, Russian and Western specialists now estimate that, if the economy remains flat, Russia probably cannot even sustain the level of nuclear weapons envisioned just a year ago for a follow-on treaty, START-3. In a meeting in Helsinki last March, President Bill Clinton and Mr. Yeltsin set the target for this treaty as 2,000 to 2,500 warheads on each side. Both treaties would be implemented by 2007 but war-heads would be deactivated by 2003.

More likely, Russian and Western specialists said, Russia will wind up with an arsenal of 1,000 to 1,500 warheads a decade from now. However, it could fall to half that if the economy does not recover. That would put Russia in a league with China, which is estimated to have 400 warheads today - or roughly equivalent to the total held by Britain, with 260, and France, with 440.

Mr. Volkov recently estimated that even with robust economic growth. Russia will have only 700 warheads a decade from now. Sergei Kortunov, a top Kremlin defense aide, has written that "with a lot of effort" Russia might reach 1,000 warheads by 2015. By contrast, according to the Natural Resources Defense Council in Washington, the Soviet Union in 1990 had 10,779 strategic nuclear warheads.

Of Russia's strategic triad, nineteen Blackjack bombers were parked in Ukraine, where they remain. According to Jane's Intelligence Review, the planes have practically lost their combat value. Russia has only six Blackjacks, built in 1991, but a Russian military source said only four of them were combat-ready.

Russia's submarine fleet is the least vulnerable leg of the strategic triad while the submarines are hidden under the ocean. But the navy is also in trouble. A.D. Baker 3d, editor of Combat Fleets of the World, said that at the present rate of decline. Russia's strategic-missile submarine fleet "will be virtually extinct within a decade."

Of 62 strategic submarines deployed by the Soviet Union in 1990, the navy currently has only 28, and by some recent reports, as few as 23 are operational. At the peak of the Cold War, 20 to 22 submarines were at sea. Today, there are usually two, and they do not go far.

One of the fearsome symbols of Soviet power was the Typhoon, the largest submarine ever built. The six Typhoons com-pleted between 1980 and 1989 could, in the event of a nuclear attack, send 1,200 nuclear warheads aloft. But today only half the Typhoons are working. Three of service. A new missile planned for them has yet to materialize, and it is unclear whether they will ever sail again.

pressing financial obligations. One of the most persistent headaches is that the submarines must undergo an overhaul every seven or eight years. For lack of financing for these repairs, many vessels are being retired early. So far, 152 submarines have been retired officially and Bennett, has said the president was "bemore are unofficially in line to be retired. wildered by Mrs. Willey's charges-

A huge backlog of nuclear-powered ves-sels awaiting dismantling is building up in the Northern and Far Eastern ports, which environmentalists have warned has the potential for a disaster similar to that at the Chemobyl nuclear power plant in 1986. ant in 1900. The core of Russian strategic forces is

the land-based, continent-spanning mis-siles. But the clock is ticking for them, too. Most of the missiles built in the 1970s and '80s are due to be retired or decommissioned if the START-2 treaty is ratified. This includes the 10-warhead 'heavy'' missile, the SS-18, which embodied the destabilizing threat of mul-tiple-warhead missiles. Russia's force of SS-19 six-warhead missiles would also be reduced, and fixed with only one warhead each.

If START-2 is not ratified, the Russian missile forces will nevertheless hit a brick wall of obsolescence in the next decade. General Vladimir Yakovlev, chief of the strategic rocket forces, said recently that 62 percent of Russia's missiles are already beyond their guaranteed

#### **CLINTON:** He Is 'Mystified'

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known she was cooperating with the independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, she had seemed reluctant to talk. 'She certainly can't be described as

being part of a right-wing conspiracy," said the Senate majority leader, Trent Lott of Mississippi. He said the truth about the Willey meeting might never be known, but added, "This is very serious."

Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah, a conservative Republican who is chairman of the Judiciary Committee, said on CNN that if Mrs. Willey's charges were true, 'I think this presidency will be over.'

The House speaker, Representative Newt Gingrich of Georgia, was more cautious. He called Mrs. Willey's account "a very sobering story." adding, There clearly are credible witnesses who have to at least be given a chance to have their story examined.

The Senate minority leader, Tom Daschle of South Dakota, seemed perplexed by Mrs. Willey's comments. I have no idea how damaging it is," he said Monday. "The president has made it pretty clear this is not his re-

collection of what happened."

There was one early sign of a potentially crucial defection from Mr. Clinton's deep support among women when Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization for Women, said Monday: 'Perhaps we need to redefine what a good president is, what a good man is: This is beyond the idea of the likable rogue or the womanizer and really on into sexual assault, sexual abuse."

The White House sought Monday to discount Mrs. Willey's account, but her history of friendship with Mr. Clinton, her Democrane Party credentials and seemingly sincere demeanor on the CBS program made that a delicate task.

'She sounded credible," the former Clinton aide George Stephanopoulos said on ABC. By being seen to attack her, he added. 'the White House is engaged in a very perilous game."

A White House spokeswoman, Ann Lewis, said Mrs. Willey's comments were "contradicted" by the former White House volunteer's subsequent actions and positive attitude toward Mr. Clinton. "In 1996, when she was no longer

associated with the president or the White House, she came to see me and said, 'I really want to work in this cam-" Ms. Lewis said on NBC. There was such a contradiction between what I saw and heard last night and the person I met with in 1996."

Mr. Clinton said in his deposition Jan. 17 in the Jones case that he embraced Mrs. Willey and may have kissed her forehead in trying to comfort her. A volunteer at the time, she went to his office seeking a paid job at a time when her husband faced serious legal and financial problems. Unaware of the White House meeting, Mr. Willey committed suicide later that day.

The president, asked by a reporter how both his and Mrs. Willey's versions of a meeting in November 1993 could be true, replied, "You'll have to find the answer to that riddle yourself."

Mr. Clinton said that he had not watched the "60 Minutes" program. In addition to preserving its strategic submarine fleet, the navy is facing other earlier. He was there and he knows what the truth is."

Mr. Clinton said he stood by his deposition, in which he denied having kissed Mrs. Willey on the lips, placed a hand on her breasts or placed her hand on his genitals. His private attorney, Robert



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### DR. SPOCK: Pediatrician to Millions Worldwide and Foe of Vietnam War Dies at 94

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Massachusetts, for instance, recently

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people say that you have to get your baby strictly regulated in his feeding, sleeping, bowel movements and other habits 🙀 but don't believe this. He doesn't have to be sternly trained...Be natural and comfortable and enjoy your baby." Tall and lanky with a deep, booming voice, Dr. Spock soon became a surrogate pediatrician to millions and his book, which initially sold at the rate of a million copies a year, made his name a household word throughout America. It also increased his annual income subsfantially, by \$25,000 to \$60,000 betilgeen 1950 and 1970, later up to

He began every edition with this advice: "Trust yourself. You know more than you think you do." He avoided medical jargon, writing in a straight-forward, down-to-earth manner that young parents found reassuring and easy e understand.

His own mother, upon reading the sok for the first time, commented. Why, Benny, it's quite sensible." In the ensuing half century, the book

childbirth, divorce and single parenting. teenage pregnancy and new medical information about the likes of milk, eggs, orange juice and aspirin.

Responding to attacks by feminists that he was an oppressor of women, Dr. Spock revised his 1976 edition to play down traditional boys' and girls' sex roles while re-emphasizing the household and parental responsibilities of fathers.

In a "Divorce, Single Parents, and Stepparents," section, which he added to the 40th anniversary edition in 1985. Dr. Spock warned that mothers who gain custody of children would find the early post-divorce period difficult. The children he said, would be "more tense, demanding, and complaining,,,and simply less attractive."

But the basic thrust of "Baby and Child Care" never changed, and when critics complained that Dr. Spock had keep abreast of new developments, he answered simply that he got it right the

Not until he was in his late 50s did Dr.

new or expanded sections dealing with became deeply disturbed by the United "constituted crimes against humanity." the roles of fathers in pregnancy and States' resumption of nuclear testing in. He was sentenced to two years in prison, the atmosphere in 1962, and on a spring but a federal court of appeals overturned Saturday in Cleveland he joined a the conviction a year later. demonstration in support of nuclear disarmament. "It was like a bad dream of May 2, 1903, in New Haven, Connectibeing outside without any clothes on.

he said later. Over the next few years, Dr. Spock lost most of his inhibitions about taking and Mildred Stoughton Spock. part in protest demonstrations and became one of the early opponents of U.S. involvement in the war in Vietnam.

What is the use of physicians like myself trying to help parents to bring up children who are healthy and happy, to have them killed in such numbers for a cause that is ignoble?" he said.

As the war in Vietnam intensified in the late 1960s, so did Dr. Spock's participation in anti-war protests. In 1968 he was convicted with three

others in a highly publicized trial in Boston of illegally conspiring to aid and abet failed to update the book sufficiently to resistance to the draft. He told the jury that he considered the war "totally illegal, immoral, unwinnable and detrimental to the best interests of the United States" and he said he felt justified in was revised several times and included Spock become a political activist. He opposing orders from a government that be a doctor."

Benjamin McLane Spock was born

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For all the anxiety the activists create,

About half of Burma's foreign in-

vestment and trade come from its Southeast Asian neighbors, which have seen

the value of their currencies against the

U.S. dollar plummet since July. The

plunges have meant that Southeast

Asian companies that had opened

branches here have had to pull out.

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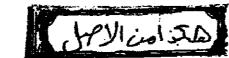
cut, the eldest of six children of Benjamin Ives Spock, for many years general counsel of the New Haven Railroad, In later years, Dr. Spock would always recall them as devoted parents who nevertheless followed a stern and pur-

children. As a child, Dr. Spock attended private schools in New Haven, then went to the huge boats have been taken out of Andover and to Yale, where he rowed on the varsity crew that won a gold medal in the 1924 Olympics in Paris.

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He had initially planned to be an architect, but he changed his mind after working as a counselor at a camp for crippled children one summer while he was a student at Yale. "I watched the orthopedic surgeon

working with the children who had had polio. I realized how much he was helping them, and I decided that I wanted to



#### INTERNATIONAL

## British Foreign Secretary Compromises on Israel Visit

By Serge Schmemann New York Times Service

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And the second and th JERUSALEM -- Israel and the British foreign secretary, Robin Cook, resolved a dispute Monday over his plan to visit the site of a controversial new Jewish neighborhood in East Jerusalem by agreeing that he would go to Har Homa with Israeli officials, not Palestinians.

Mr. Cook will visit the site in southeastern Jerusalem at the start of his visit to Israel on Tuesday, accompanied by the Israeli cabinet secretary, Danny Naveh, and a representative of the Jerusalem municipality, said David Bar-Illan, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's communications director.

Mr. Cook arrived in Cairo on Monday on the first stop of a three-day tour of the Middle East as representative of the European Union, whose rotating chairmanship is curset he had announced that he inknown to Arabs as Jamal Abu Gh- Yad Vashem or the Western Wall,

neim, to signal Europe's disapproval over continued Israeli constructions but otherwise, if he wants to see Har expansion of other settlements contentious is all over continued Israeli constructions. Homa, we have no objection to his throughout the West Bank, are not Palestinians. tion in occupied territories.

estinian official in Jerusalem, Feisal Husseini.

At its weekly meeting Sunday, the Israeli cabinet issued a statement saying that Mr. Netanyahu deemed such a visit "unacceptable." The statement was viewed as a threat that Mr. Netanyahu would cancel his meeting with the Briton if the

visit took place. But later in the day, Mr. Husseini agreed not to accompany Mr. Cook, so long as the foreign secretary still visited him in Jerusalem. And Monday, Mr. Bar-Illan said Israeli officials would accompany Mr. Cook.

"This resolves it, although I'm still puzzled by his choice," Mr. Bar-Illan said. "This is his first acrently held by Britain. From the outretary on his first visit to Jerusalem. tended to visit Har Homa, a hill Obviously we'd prefer that he visit

doing so, as long as it's done under violations of the Oslo accords. the auspices of the Israeli govern-Initial plans called for Mr. Cook to visit the site with the senior Palment.

Yad Vashem is the memorial to the Holocaust, and the Western Wall is the most sacred site of Judaism in the Old City.
In Cairo, Mr. Cook insisted he

would not cancel the visit to Har he had received unanimous backing Homa. "I am anxious to see Har for the Har Homa visit. Homa for myself," he was reported to have told reporters en route to Cairo. "I would have thought that it would be in the interests of both parties -- including the government of Israel - that I were informed by seeing the situation for myself."

Israel's announcement a year ago of its intention to build a large Jewish neighborhood on Har Homa effectively put an end to the Israeli-Palestinian process toward a peace agreement. Despite widespread international condemnation of the Har Homa project as an act of bad faith and a provocation, Israel has insisted that the project, and the steady

warned that if Mr. Cook persevered in his plan, Mr. Netanyahu might cancel his meeting with him.

At a meeting of the 15 European
Union foreign ministers in Edin-

burgh on Saturday, Mr. Cook said "There was unanimous agree-ment that we should make clear that

we do not support expansion of settiements, and I should make that clear in the course of my visit by visiting Har Homa," Mr. Cook said.

The German foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel, said Mr. Cook had "everybody's support," adding: "It has to be possible to have a look at the main point of contention. This is something our Israeli partners have to understand."

When he visits Gaza, Mr. Cook also intends to visit the site of the

contentious issue between and the

His approach is particularly grat-ing to Mr. Netanyahu because the prime minister traveled to Britain this month specifically to head off such European pressure. He had hoped instead to shift European attention to the Israeli attempts to find a way to extract the Israeli Army from southern Lebanon. Mr. Netanyahu returned believing that he had received a sympathetic hearing from the Brit-ish prime minister, Tony Blair.

The Clinton administration is debating whether to exert its own pressure on Mr. Netanyahu by making public a new peace plan, reportedly centered on Israeli withdrawal over three months from 13 percent of the West Bank territory it still holds, in exchange for concrete Palestinian steps against terror organizations.

Mr. Cook said he would keep in contact with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright during his trip. "I will assure her of the enthusiasm of the European Union for a fresh still unopened Gaza airport, another U.S. initiative," Mr. Cook said.



Graffiti reading "Robin Cook is an anti-Semite," left, and "Har Homa is Jewish forever" at the entrance of the British Consulate in Jerusalem on Monday.

Karen Demirchian, Armenia's old Communist boss and now a front-runner in the presidential election, territory of Nagorno-Karabakh voting Monday with the help of his granddaughter. peopled by Armenians but geo-

BRIEFLY

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone - President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah invoked sweeping constitutional powers Monday

to suspend civil liberties and jail his opponents at will.

The move comes a week after Mr. Kabbah returned from

10 months in exile to this battered West African country.

Sierra Leone," Mr. Kabbah said of the need to invoke the special presidential powers. (AP)

Israeli Aide Denies Allegations

JERUSALEM — Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi,

under police investigation for possible fraud, bribery and

breach of trust, denied the allegations Monday and said he

"The complaints were made by political opponents and were politically motivated and I totally deny them,"

"I completely reject the demand that I suspend my-

self," the justice minister said, adding that he was certain

that the police would find no evidence to substantiate the

did not plan to suspend himself during the inquiry.

Mr. Hanegbi said in a statement.

"A state of emergency exists for the public security in

Sierra Leone's Leader Acts

To Suspend Civil Liberties

## Armenians Look for Savior in Presidential Vote

By Vanora Bennett Los Angeles Times Service

GYUMRI, Armenia — The earthquake struck first, destroying her home. Then came the Soviet collapse, independence, mass unemployment and hunger. Contemplating the ruins of her adult life, Amalya Digarian blames it all on the president who ran Armenia from 1991 until last month.

"Look!" the 30-year-old cries with despairing anger. She points at the collapsing ceiling of the prefab hut that she and her husband have lived in for a decade - supposedly temporary housing put up after the earthquake that devastated northern Armenia in 1988, years before Levon Ter-Petrossian became president. 'This is all Levon ever gave us!"

An election Monday to find a permanent replacement for the unpopular Mr. Ter-Petrossian marked Armenia's late transition from chaotic post-Soviet improvisation to a more considered future. For people here, the vote represented a last chance to escape from a decade of modern disaster, authoritarianism and poverty. For the outside world, regional issues hang in the balance.

A peace plan for the disputed

graphically inside neighboring owners are after her for their money, the ills of the Ter-Petrossian era: Azerbaijan since early Soviet map- and she cannot even get municipal severe economic hardships, two makers redrew the area's borders -

Ter-Petrossian supported. Continued instability around not have 600 drams.

Nagorno-Karabakh would affect And the roof fell prospects for transporting huge oil deposits out of Azerbaijan.

reputation of this tiny mountain their problems. Like many others in and led to his downfall. country of 3 million people hung in this town of amputated trees, But Mr. Demirchian the balance with the vote Monday. shattered pride and merciless decay, Foreign monitors said there were serious instances of fraud and irreg- save them is Armenia's old Comularities in the 1996 presidential elections won by Mr. Ter-Petrossian. But none of these things were on

Amalya Digarian's mind. gown as she lists her personal tragedies:

She and her husband have no jobs still trust him. in a town whose factories have she could not feed them; there is no heating or power in her hut; she has

aid because she needs a passport to years with little heat or light in the has a shaky future. Most of the pres- register and would have to pay 600 idential candidates are against a drams (\$1, or about one-eighth of the bakh conflict; corruption; the bancompromise deal proposed last year average monthly salary here) to swap by international negotiators that Mr. her old Soviet passport, now illegal, the honesty of elections, and finally for a new Armenian one. She does

> And the roof fell in last winter. What Mrs. Digarian and her husband are desperate for now is a they believe the only man who can favorite - Karen Demirchian, who ruled from 1974 to 1988.

"I think he's the most solid can-Dark hair dyed blond hangs on didate," said 37-year-old Artur ted in Yerevan, where signs of ecothe collar of her ragged dressing- Digarian. "He worked before. He nomic recovery — new stores, knows the situation, and he can run the economy. I trusted him, and 1

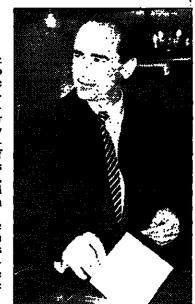
Mr. Demirchian is the only canscarcely been functioning since the didate from the Soviet past, which earthquake; she has had to send her Armenia's many have-nots now re- cially a citizen of Armenia, local two preschool children, Julietta and member as a lost golden age of peace reporters estimate that Mr. Kochari- Ter-Petrossian stole from him. De-Jurik, to live with her mother because and prosperity. The 66-year-old has an, 43, has about 28 percent of pop-spite sympathy over those claims, spent the last decade running a big factory in Yerevan, the capital.

early 1990s as a result of the Karaning of dissent; question marks over an ill-timed decision by Mr. Ter-Petrossian to ignore the wishes of his people and urge compromises for peace in Nagorno-Karabakh, which turned the country's powerful Last but not least, the democratic strong, wise ruler who will solve all defense establishment against him

But Mr. Demirchian is not the only front-runner: There are three in the field of 12. At the top of the list is Robert Kocharian, the prime minmunist boss — and new presidential ister and acting president, who is the choice of younger, more energetic voters with an eye to the future.

Mr. Kocharian is widely supporclothes and computers --- are vis- favored by younger voters in ible, and in the border regions near Azerbaijan.

Although he is from Nagomo-Karabakh, and therefore not offi-



Robert Kocharian, who is the Armenian presidential race.

lectuals and Soviet-era dissidents in an election that he maintains Mr. ular support nationwide, compared Mr. Manukian's reputation was tarwith 35 percent for Mr. Demirchian. nished by the mudslinging that folbeen living on bread bought on credit

He is no longer a Communist, and
from the local store, but now the he is not tainted by association with

There is also Vazgen Manukian, lowed. Estimates of his support are who in 1996 was the preferred presaround 20 percent.

idential candidate of urban intel-

## UN Rights Panel to Examine Algeria and Kosovo

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annual UN Commission on Human have been killed this month in a crack-Rights on Monday as 300 Albanian down on nationalists in the troubled Ser-

Other states expected to be in the dock include Afghanistan, Burma, Cambodia, In a speech to about 2,000 government officials and activist groups attending the six-week talks at the UN's sia, Israel, Mexico, Nigeria, Sri Lanka the causes of tomorrow's conflicts," he

United States joined the European United worldwide.

bate of criticism since 1990.

"I am here today to tell you that the next century must be the age of pre-

vention," he said. "Today's human rights violations are

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retary-general, Kofi Annan, opened the 80 people, mainly ethnic Albanians, rights record. China has blocked all de-Mr. Annan did not name any rogue

states or specific conflicts.

added.

But China appears set to escape cen-sure by the 53-member body after the for the ratification of human rights treat-

## GENEVA — The United Nations sec- Algeria and violence in Kosovo. At least push for a resolution on Beijing's human

women with children demonstrated si- bian province. lently outside against Serbian repression in Kosovo.

European headquarters in Geneva, Mr. and Sudan. Annan called for a combat against hu-

The UN forum will look into abuses in

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## Amazon Fires Out of Control

BOA VISTA, Brazil - Firefighters dug ditches in a bid to halt raging fires in the northern Amazon as officials appealed for more men and water-dumping helicopters.

"We lost control of this thing a long time ago," said
Kleber Gomes Cerquinho, captain of the fire brigade, as

soldiers driving a bulldozer carved a path through the jungle to create a firebreak. Fines set by subsistence farmers in the state of Roraima have burned out of control for two months, destroying a vast swaffie of highland savannah near the border with Venezuela. Officials say 2.2 million acres (900,000 hec-

#### tares) of farmland have gone up in smoke. (Reuters) Colombian Rebel Accuses U.S.

CAQUETA, Colombia — A rebel commander who recently handed the Colombian Army its worst defeat in more than 30 years has warned that he would begin argeting U.S. military advisers, accusing them of heading covert counterinsurgency operations.

Speaking in a jungle camp, Fabian Ramirez, head of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, said, "The claim fibre that he will be seen to be seen a colombia and colombia claim that the United States is combating drugs in Colombla is a sophism. All the military and economic aid it is giving to the army is to fight the guerrillas." (Reuters)

## Hong Kong Slippage

million people, a tiny enclave of capitalism inside a giant Communist country, escaped the worst of Asia's financial crisis, but it didn't escape altogether. Meanwhile, tourism is way down, in part because of the overall downturn and in part, perhaps, because Hong Kong no longer appeals to travelers as an exotic marriage of East and West.

The most important question remains whether Hong Kong can hold onto freedom and prosperity as part of a country with far less of both. Some early signs are discouraging. A Bei-jing-installed governor and Parliament have approved a convoluted system for this May's election, involving indirect votes and reserved seats, that will guarantee political control to business interests favorable to China and suspicious of democracy.

Now comes renewed pressure on Hong Kong's free media, which absent truly open elections --- represent the best hope for preserving "one country, two systems." A pro-China media baron, Xu Simin, chose Beijing as his venue to attack Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) for broadcasting too much criticism of

Since passing from British to Chinese control on July 1, Hong Kong has Kong. The Hong Kong chief executive, Tung Chee-hwa, instead of defending RTHK, responded "Slowly. slowly," according to Mr. Xu. His public comments weren't more reassuring. "While freedom of speech is important, it is also important for government policies to be positively presented," Mr. Tang said. esented," Mr. Tung said.

It is as if President Bill Clinton start-

ed pressuring Jim Lehrer to turn the "NewsHour" on PBS into a government cheerleader - but in a situation with far fewer competing outlets. Yes there has been little reaction from Hong Kong's friends in the West, who promised in July to keep a spotlight trained on the former colony. The greatest danger now facing Hong Kong is the lack of world attention as Hong Kong's freedoms are slowly eroded," said the

pro-democracy politician Martin Lee. The Asian financial crisis has shown that public accountability and open flows of information are essential to prosperity; they are what helped Hong Kong survive as Indonesia and others went under. Yet Hong Kong now faces the danger of moving toward the crony capitalism and censorship that have been discredited elsewhere.

— THE WASHINGTON POST

## Toward a New Era for Human Rights Worldwide

STOCKHOLM — The UN Human Rights Commission convened on Monday in Geneva for its annual seven-week session. The meeting is particularly significant this year — not only because 1998 brings the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, nor because we now have a new and visionary high commissioner in Mary Robinson, the former Irish president. The whole project of international human rights is at a crossroads.

The Cold War confrontation is gone, and formal democracy has been in-troduced in large parts of the world, yet the human rights discussion is still full

of contradictions. In preparing for this year's session, China launched a diplomatic campaign to prevent any draft resolution on its human rights situation. The United States has blocked an agreement to limit the use of minors as soldiers. Cuba and some other states have done their utmost to water down a declaration in

support of human rights defenders.
Still, it might now be possible to move forward on issues that have plagued the UN human rights discussion since the Universal Declaration was adopted. It is today recognized broadly that human rights are indeed universal and that the international community is entitled to take a position against violations in individual countries.

Also, more and more countries re-

WASHINGTON — An ir-responsible Harvard ast-

ronomer, who could not be

bothered to check out his

cockamamie calculations with

other scientists, last week fed

media appetites for stories of

impending doom. Alarmists

had a one-day field day.

By Thomas Hammarberg

cognize that economic and social rights indeed are rights and not merely "ambitions." Such rights — for instance, access to education and health care are covered in the Universal Declaration and naturally seen as important by developing countries. The Swedish government has just adopted a new policy on human rights clearly embracing economic and social rights as a priority.

A genuine recognition that human rights are universal and apply to all people and countries, that the respect of human rights is a legitimate international concern and that economic and social rights are an integral part of the package — all this should be a good first step toward building the consensus that could make international human rights work more effective. Mary obinson has made the point.

International standard-setting for human rights is now almost complete, so the focus should be on implementation and enforcement

The artificial divide between monitoring and support, including technical assistance, should be bridged. This is why it was important that Secretary-General Kofi Annan made human rights an inter-sectoral concern in his UN reform plan. The intention is that human rights will be an essential dimension of all UN programs relating to

Mrs. Robinson's office should have

an input into all these programs, and for that she needs more resources. Part of her role is to organize ef-

fective monitoring. One instrument is the six committees established to assess and support respect of the key human rights conventions, including those on children's and women's rights. All governments that have ratified these treaties have to submit their reports and allow discussion of them.

The Human Rights Commission appoints rapporteurs on specific countries or on thematic problems. The reports on, for instance, Iraq, Iran and Sudan, or on freedom of religion, torture and summary and arbitrary executions, are discussed by the Commission. These systems need improvement.

• The quality of the monitoring committees' work is uneven. Members are not always competent; governments should be encouraged to nominate experienced and independent candidates for these bodies. Another problem is that the under-resourced office of the high commissioner cannot provide suf-

ficient service to the committees. · All governments should endorse the conventions. Even today, one-third of them have not ratified the key treaties on economic, social and cultural rights and on civil and political rights. Some governments do not cooper-

peace and security, development, and are with the rapporteurs. Iraq, Nigeria humanitarian and social affairs. lowed a UN rapporteur to visit. Such sabotage should not be accepted.

. There should be linkage between definition of problems and possibilities for assistance. (In some countries, shortcomings are at least partly causedby lack of resources.)

There is still an atmosphere of confrontation in the human rights discussion. That is in part inevitable: human rights discourse has to be principled. Governments resent such attention, yet the monitoring must be energetic, and violations must be exposed. Governments ought to respond constructively and with a dose of self-criticism.

It is crucial that they agree to be scrutinized. China, the United States and others should ratify all the human rights treaties. Governments should equip the United Nations to develop eans to encourage better implementation. The goal, after all, is not fingerpointing but rather to initiate real changes, so as to give ordinary people fundamental freedoms as well as pro-tection against abuse and injustice.

The writer is a Swedish ambassador a former secretary-general of Amnesty International and now the special representative of the UN secretary-general on human rights in Cambodia. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

## IMF and UN Funding

House Republican leaders flaunt their disregard for America's broader interests by letting anti-abortion crusaders hold up funding for the International Monetary Fund and the United Nations. The money is being held hostage to an obnoxious amendment by Representative Christopher Smith of New Jersey that would block American financing of any foreign group lobbying for less restrictive abortion laws abroad. President Bill Clinton rightly threatens to veto any bill with the Smith language. A similar ploy by Mr. Smith blocked IMF and UN funding measures last fall.

Speaker Newt Gingrich should un-derstand that IMF and UN payments are too vital to American interests to be ensnarled in abortion politics, and he ought to let an unencumbered bill pass

The \$18 billion for the IMF is meant to replenish its reserves after the recent bailouts of Thailand, South Korea and Indonesia. Asia's financial crisis is not over, and the Fund may need the

money in the coming months. America's trade interests and even the health of the economy could be jeopardized

by delaying this funding.

The nearly \$1 billion for the United Nations would pay off most of America's debt to the world organization. For years, Congress has withheld some of America's dues to leverage reforms at the United Nations. Many of those changes have now been adopted under the leadership of Kofi Annan, the new secretary-general. Other countries have had to make up for the loss of American money, undermining Washington's bargaining power in the United Nations.

If the back dues remain unpaid, the United States will lose its voting rights in the General Assembly next year, an embarrassment for the nation that led the effort to create the United Nations half a century ago.

Abortion politics has no place in determining America's role in the United Nations and the IMF.

## Filtering the Internet

preme Court struck down the 1996 Communications Decency Act, which banned distribution of indecent mateis again considering legislation that would harm free speech in the name of protecting children. A bill sponsored by Senator John McCain, Republican of Arizona, would require schools and libraries to install anti-pomography filters on their computers in order to receive federal funds for Internet hookups. But, recognizing potential opposition from educators and librarians, Mr. McCain kept open the possibility that a compromise would be offered

when the bill reached the Senate floor. The desire to protect children from pornography is understandable. Many parents have used filtering software at home. But such filters often miss some of the smut and block material that is not pornographic. The hazards posed by the McCain bill are playing out in a lawsuit in Loudoun County, Virginia. The library board installed on every terminal the X-Stop software filter, which blocked access to scores of non-

Stability for East Asia

crisscrossing alliances.

A sudden eruption anywhere can do

damage all round. All the more so as

East Asia lacks a stabilizing network of

sures under the umbrella of the

ASEAN Regional Forum needs to be

pushed forward. Though easily nego-

tiated in the good times, greater open-

ness in military budgets and doctrines

and suchlike is all the more necessary

in the bad times. China is chief foot-

dragger here, though not the only one.

the tensions in Southeast Asia upset

Most important, though, is not to let

Work on confidence-building mea-

-THE NEW YORK TIMES. sex-related Web sites, including those sponsored by the Quakers and the

American Association of University

Women. The library system is being

Web pages for violating their First Amendment rights. The McCain bill could inflict the same problems on schools and libraries across the country. All school computers would have to use filters, and public libraries would have to have at least one machine with a filter.

Senator Conrad Burns, Republican of Montana, has offered a more sensible approach. His substitute bill would require schools and libraries that want the federal Internet subsidies to adopt appropriate Internet use policies for children as they see fit. Many public institutions have already done so, without denying students or adults access to huge swaths of information. Given the limitations of filtering technology, the best way to protect children is to teach them how to use the Internet. A software program simply cannot do that.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Clinton's decision to keep U.S. peacekeepers in Bosnia are all part of the complex mosaic of the new NATO.

second 50 years, it needs to craft a bold strategic concept to unite the pieces of this mosaic for next year's anniversary summit in Washington, A consensus needs to be built now.

relations among the big powers. Althreats now facing Europe. By William Safire

gent Russia, fine - no harm done by widening the club. But if some adventurist like Yevgeni Primakov should take charge in the future, he would find no power vacuum inviting his forces into a new hot or cold

and The New York Times."

Other Americans oppose in-

clusion, of course. Accommod-

ationists fret about Russia re-

taliating by refusing to ratify START-2 — as if the Commu-

nist-dominated Duma had not

Are those of us who support European war. the eastward expansion of This week the Senate is to NATO alarmists, too? After all, vote to ratify the inclusion that at the root of the inclusion of President Bill Clinton has Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic in the Western alliance helped negotiate. The Foreign Relations Committee already is our worry that the Russian bear approved, 16-2. The Senate will hear debate and is expected to may one day regain its strength ratify. As Poland's president and begin growling again. joked to me last year, "the only ones against us are the Russians If the formerly captive na-

tions of Eastern Europe become part of NATO's defense, Moscow would be deterred from extending a sphere of influence westward. But if we reject the application of democratic nations, we will perpetuate a "gray zone" for Russia to ain dominate.

That is not alarmist. If no been blocking disarmament well before NATO began talk of exagain dominate.

ists resuscitate the slogan "Who wants to die for Danzig?'

But a bipartisan majority believes that to undermine enlargement now would be to discredit America's diplomatic stability and to needlessly endanger the next generation. Ratification is a done deal.

Welcome the New Three and Leave NATO's Door Open

The fallback position of op-ponents is a grudging O.K. for these three countries, but no more. They want to attach a condition of a pause after this inclusion. That flies in the face of the open-door policy in the original NATO treaty, and effectively slams that door in the face of the Baltic states.

Such "apausement," as Senator William Roth describes it, is a vitiating compromise. Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania were the keys to the breakup of the Soviet Union. Because they had been traded to Stalin by Hitler, the United States never threat develops from a resur- pansion. Meanwhile, isolation- recognized their annexation by

asserted their independence, they had American diplomatic moral support; after Mikhail Gorbachev aborted his Baltic crackdown, the Soviet Union came apart.

Russian nationalists brood about this. Boris Yeltsin's policy today is to reassert domination in those three close neighbors of St. Petersburg. To that imperial end — and

timed to the U.S. Senate debate about NATO expansion --- ethnic Russians in Riga, Latvia, staged a demonstration last week. A few hotheads mixed it up with police for the cameras. This allowed Mr. Primakov,

of all people, to claim "flagrant violations of human rights" of the Russian-speaking citizens
— descendants of Stalin's colonists. Orchestrated outrage was expressed by a chorus of Moscow-spokesmen. The State Department issued

a mush-mouthed statement that neither repression by Balts nor

provocation by Russian ethnics occurred. That smarmy evenhandedness was shown because Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin was in Washing ton; he had just promised AI Gore to get the Duma to ratify the START-2 treaty by June so that Mr. Clinton could visit Russia soon after his trip to China. Fortunately, Mr. Clinton is

being tough-minded about future inclusion of qualified democratic states. In a letter to Senate leaders, he writes: strongly urge the Senate to reject any effort to mandate a pause on the process of enlargement."

A letter is marginally helpful, but would not this be the proper moment for a serious speech on an important vote that most Americans know little about? A Clinton address from the bully pulpit would uplift public discourse, inspirit East Europeans who cherish their newfound freedom and be good for the Oval Office.

The New York Times.

## Next, NATO Needs to Give Itself a Southern Strategy

WASHINGTON — Trans-Atlantic tensions over Iraq, Senate questions about Europe that emerged from the common interests rather than on NATO's open-door enlarge- end of the Cold War. This territory. Those interests inment policy, and President Bill

If NATO is to thrive into its

The process will be difficult

because NATO needs to form two strikingly different strategies and incorporate them into the new concept. It requires a "northern strategy," which is fairly well developed and needs fine-tuning. And it needs a "southern strategy," to deal with the complex array of

NATO has been proactive about its northern strategy, which focuses on stabilizing the transition states in northern

By Hans Binnendijk

strategy is about stabilizing the strategic space between Russia and Germany that led to so much misery in this past century.

The northern strategy relies on extending collective defense to Central Europe, exercising the operational capabilities of partner countries, and developing the high degree of political consultations made possible by new institutions such as the Permanent Joint Council with Russia.

If NATO acts militarily under the linear logic of this strategy, it would do so with an integrated military command under Article V of the Washington Treaty. Because of the high stakes and existing institutional balance, radical departures here could prove counterproductive.

NATO has been more reactive and ad hoc with regard to a southern strategy. This strategy needs to be based mostly on

territory. Those interests include preserving access to Gulf oil, controlling immigration from North Africa, preventing genocide in the Balkans, and countering terrorist states with

weapons of mass destruction. Military operations are gen-erally real, rather than the simulated exercises of the northern strategy. In those likely cases when political consensus cannot be reached by all NATO countries, individual nations need to act in coalitions of the willing. NATO needs to facilitate this by

creating new procedures. The American bank robber Willie Horton told his captors that he had robbed banks because "that's where the money is." NATO needs to concentrate on the south because that's where the insecurity is.

As NATO considers these two strategies, it must avoid several pitfalls. It has to make sure that it is not divided along north-south lines. Germany and the Nordic countries tend to look eastward: the Mediterranean countries look to the south and southeast. Procedures for a southern strategy should not be so rigid as to paralyze

policy or rupture the alliance. The new concept must also be broad enough to include Europe's concerns with failing states such as Bosnia, Albania and Algeria, as well as American concerns with rogue states such as Iraq and Libya,

Accepting the need for a strategic concept with two very different strategies embedded in it has consequences for NATO's consultative process, for its force posture, for its command structure, and for future enlargement decisions.

The lack of consultations within NATO on the recent Iraq crisis is unacceptable if NATO is to survive into the 21st century. It needs to identify, loosely if necessary, areas of common interest, and establish consultative mechanisms to discuss these issues before they are of crisis proportion.

These will inevitably be difficult discussions, and Washington may need to adjust some of its policies to harmonize trans-Atlantic views. New and more flexible decision-making mechanisms may be needed to avoid the paralysis that consensus-seeking can bring. At a minimum, the new con-

sultative process would be the

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The British, French and Germans are taking useful steps to

may need additional long-term

transferred to Europeans.
In addition, NATO should expand its ability to plan military responses for southern contingencies and to conduct them using the recently developed Combined Joint Task

Finally, giving greater emphasis to a southern strategy could shape an approach for the next tranche of NATO enlargement. If the northern strategy is currently near equilibrium and the Balkans need continued stabilization, it would make strategic sense for NATO to continue with its current plans to consider Romania and Slovenia

next for membership. It may be hard to convince Europeans to accept a new strategic concept for NATO with heavy emphasis on a southern strategy. But many of NATO's strongest supporters in the United States are asking why, in the absence of a Communist threat, the United States should participate in future Bosnias while most Europeans are unwilling to contribute more to the common defense of the Gulf.

Alliance leaders should be able to craft a concept that gives NATO the capability and the procedures for a successful southern strategy without creating the probability for policy paralysis or a divided alliance.

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#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

#### 1898: Cuban Question

that Europe, as a whole, is by no means favorable to the leonine pretensions of American jingoism, which have been based on the modern interpretation of the Monroe doctrine. Most European governments would dislike to see Cuba pass into the hands of the United States. France, especially, in spite of her friendly relations with the great Western republic, would not, if required, withhold her moral support or her good offices in behalf of Spain.

Provinces. He says it is the intention of the Klan to come out

into the open, to dispense with hoods and cloaks, and to follow the methods of the Italian Fascisti in order to bring about their desired reforms. The Klan believes that the whole continent must be welded into the greatest empire in history, pledged to enforce the white man's laws and

was brought officially into the European Recovery Program mon reconstruction program.

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though high-level contacts have intensified among all four, America's role remains crucial. It is the only country capable of balancing a rising China. Yet America cannot be expected to do

the job along indefinitely. It needs Japan's support certainly, and also Europe's. European trade and financial interests in East Asia are almost as big as America's. Next month's Asia-Europe summit offers a good opportunity to think harder about how Europe can help underpin the security on which East Asia's economic

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The WEU as a Military Instrument

BRUSSELS—On March 17, 1948, five West European countries came together on security matters and signed the Brussels Treaty. That paved the way for the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 and the U.S. commitment to European defense. The Western European Union

Federal Republic of Germany among its seven original members. That facilitated West Germany's accession to NATO. During most of the Cold War the WEU was dormant. In effect, the mutual defense oblig-

ations of its members had been

was founded in 1955, with the

transferred to NATO. From time to time, voices were heard arguing for European defense independent of the trans-Atlantic link. For very good reasons, this minority view never prevailed. There was one big threat requiring one big response, and that response was the business of NATO. Anything else would have been

frivolous or dangerous.

The end of the Cold War changed the European strategic environment utterly. The big threat went, but trouble spots mushroomed. Crisis management became a crucial preoccupation of politico-military establishments, NATO included. WEU members decided to beef up the union with an operational

capacity. For the first time, the WEU became an instrument for military action. There were three main rea-

sons for this. Post-Cold War crises might well concern different countries in different ways and require flexible responses. France moved closer to the military side of NATO, thus easing concern that the WEU might develop in competition with NATO, and facilitating cooperation between the WEU and NATO. And the European Union, to which the WEU is institutionally connected, de-cided that the WEU would be the military instrument at the disposal of its common foreign

and security policy.
Today the WEU is a politicomilitary tool for crisis management. It will run operations that Europeans decide to undertake and in which North Americans do not wish to participate directly. It will do so almost certainly at the request of the EU and very probably using NATO assets and capabilities.

Only a few years ago such a tool did not exist. Given past European experience, it is remarkable that we have it now. - José Cutileiro. secretary-general of the Western European Union.

International Herald Tribune.

commenting for the

crucible in which coalitions of the willing could be forged. Europe will need to improve

its force projection capabilities if NATO is to have an effective southern strategy. Most of the mobility, lift, logistics support, intelligence, command and control, and other expeditionary force capabilities, reside in the United States.

complement U.S. capabilities. But most European power projection efforts are designed for the slow projection of peacekeeping forces rather than the rapid deployment of larger forces over long distances for higher-intensity operations. NATO's command structure

adjustment to accommodate a southern strategy. The United States will need to continue to have command over forces for most power projection missions in high-intensity conflict, but operations relating to failing states, such as peacekeeping. refugee management and evacuations, might over time be

Force arrangement.

PARIS — The Gaulois remarks

1923: Klan Uncloaking MONTREAL — Mr. William L. Higgett, who claims to be the organiser of the Ku Klux Klan and is passing through Canada, claims that the order has already been established in the Western ideals on the rest of the world.

#### 1948: German Entry PARIS - Western Germany

yesterday [March 16] when the top representatives of the sixteen nations that have accepted Marshall Plan assistance agreed to extend to it full membership in their proposed permanent organization. Both the Anglo-American and French Occupation Zones are included and both will be asked to sign the multi-lateral economic agreement that will bind the states together in a com-

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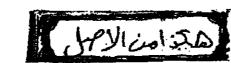
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## It's Time Clinton Took Off The Kid Gloves on China

By Fred Hiatt

WASHINGTON — Say you're the president of the United States and two world lead-united States and twi ers both want you to visit. They both have big countries and plenty of nuclear weapons, but one's a friend and the other's a dictator who shares none of your values.

Whom do you call first? If you're Bill Clinton these days, you call the dictator. Mr. Clinton won't go to Moscow to see President Boris Yeltsin until the Duma — which is about as much under Mr. Yeltsin's control as Newt Gingrich's House is under Mr. Clinton's - ratifies the

START-2 arms control treaty.
But Mr. Clinton has set no such conditions for his summit meeting in Beijing; he's so eager, in fact, that he's going in June instead of next fall, as originally planned. If he really hurries, he might make it in time to help his new friends mark the June 4 anniversary of their Tiananmen massacre.

Petitol To What accounts for this? Some have suggested he wants his Great Wall photo op to distract from the Panla Jones trial, which opens May 27, but his advisers say no, that's not it, either.

Unfortunately, their denials may be true; what's really going on here is more worrisome than everyday Clinton public relations. What's really going on is the White House is edging toward a full Rupert Murdoch on China.

Like Mr. Murdoch, President Clinton does not like to offend China's dictators. Back in 1994, when he "delinked" trade and human rights, he promised at least to speak forthrightly on China's torture of political dissidents, repression of Christian believers and other human rights abuses.

Yet in the UN annual session on human rights (which opened in Geneva on Monday) — a forum where Mr. Clinton specifically pledged to raise these issues - his representatives will have nothing to say on China.

Then there are the nukes. At his first summit meeting with President Jiang Zemin last fall, Mr. Clinton announced that China was no longer a proliferator of nuclear weapons and so could start buying U.S. nuclear technology. Skeptics acknowledged that China had signed on to some important treaties, but they suggested that given

and Iran go nuclear, a year of wait-and-see might be in order.

Now it develops that, sure enough, China was still talking secretly about selling bad stuff to Iran, even as Mr. Jiang was mak-

ing promises in Washington. In Mr. Murdoch's case, the toadying is easy to understand; he has business interests in China. Mr. Clinton, too, is under constant pressure from Boeing, Westinghouse and other big U.S. corporations that crave access to China's market.

But commercial interests are not President Clinton's sole motivation. Rather, he and his advisers have decided that China, as a rising power, is so crucial to U.S. interests that it must be handled with the softest of kid gloves. The White House spokesman

Mike McCurry said last week that this is "arguably one of the most important relationships the United States has on earth."

There are two problems with this observation: It is not entirely true, and it gives China all the leverage in the relationship.

China is important, of course, and Mr. Clinton is right to seek closer ties, if they can be achieved on mutually advantageous terms. But as the China scholar Arthur Waldron recently told a forum at the Nixon Center, China is likely to become less predictable, not more stable, in coming years.

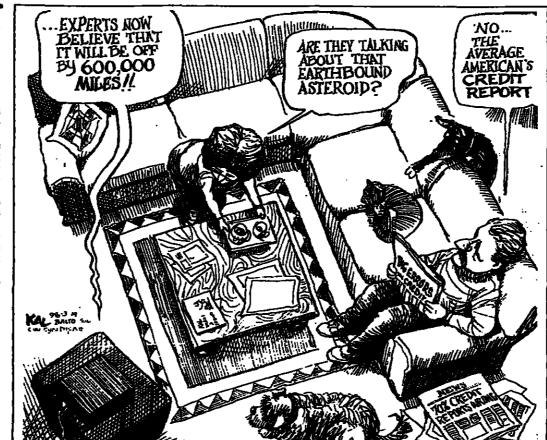
Economic reform pressures might push China toward democ-racy, as the administration hopes, or toward fascism, Mr. Waldron said, but they are almost sure to lead to instability.

"Our approach is always to treat China as the crux, the pivot, the center, the anchor," he said. "I think this is unrealistic. China is not going to become a status quo, stabilizing, law abiding power until it's gone through a lot more change inside."

So instead of acting as a "buttress" for China's regime, he said, the United States should build its policy on the democratic nations that surround China.

That does not mean Mr. Clinton should boycott Beijing. But he should not be timid about defending U.S. interests in human rights, nonproliferation and other issues. If China's leaders are offended,

The Washington Post.



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### About Kosovo

Regarding "A Spark in the Bal-kans" (Editorial, March 9). The editorial, while offering

some innovative solutions to the problems in Kosovo, unfortunately supports the goal of multiethnic nations, a concept doomed to failure.

The Treaty of London of 1913 which artificially shunted off Albanians to various other nations as some sort of war prize — is at the root of the present-day crisis. The international community therefore must be held responsible for finding a present-day solution. STEPHEN PATTERSON.

Regarding "Heeding Death Threats, Red Cross Leaves Kosovo" (March 12):

Zurich.

I have often been annoyed by the media's use of the term "security forces." In the article about the Kosovo atrocities, the reporter said scores of people had been killed by 'Serbian security forces.'

Is that what "security" forces

do, kill scores of probably harm-less civilians? Whose security are we talking about? In the same article the killers are called what they really are: police and members of

paramilitary units. So why in the first instance use a euphemism? MARTIN KUHNA. Essen, Germany.

#### **Mideast Troubles**

Regarding "Now to Devise an Improved Middle East Strategy" (Opinion, Feb. 27) by Flora

Thank goodness for the sane and wise commentary of Flora Lewis, who has consistently used her column to counteract the warmongering attitudes all too prevalent in the United States at the moment

As she says, Saddam Hussein is a particularly nasty dictator, but it is the whole gamut of problems in the Middle East — not the least of which is the Israeli-Palestinian situation — that renders him as dangerous as

Europeans may agree with America's diagnosis of the Saddam problem but disagree forcefully over the proposed treatment. They are scared of a unipolar world in which the United States does whatever it wants: the "do what we say or we'll bomb you' attitude.

By KAL in The Sun (Rakimore), C&W Syndicals

Flora Lewis is right that only by developing a radical new approach to the overall peace of the region - forcing Benjamin Netanyahu to live up to the peace accords, achieving détente with Iran and dialogue with other states — can more dangerous developments be

> CARL HABER. Rome.

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## Violent, Sadistic, Racist Officers of the Law

noon. He spoke hesitantly, afraid that his identity would be revealed. I assured him that it would not.

"I came on this job expecting to do the right thing," he said. "I like people. I was gung ho. I wanted to help people."

But he said that his efforts and

those of many thousands of ded-

#### MEANWHILE

icated men and women in New York's police department are being undermined by officers who are arrogant, racist and sadistic.

'A lot of these guys are immature and they don't have com-mon sense," the officer said. "They've been living with momny and daddy their whole lives. You give them a gun and a shield and they just get power crazy. Do you understand? All of a sudden they're Jesus Christ.

They can take people's LIVES."
Instead of cracking down on these volatile young cops, the department frequently goes out of its way to reward them.

"They're like rising stars," he said. "That behavior is absolutely a good way to move up to detective. But in reality they're just bogus tough guys with no sense of responsibility. There's a difference between being gung ho and being a punk and a bully.

The officer said it was difficult to estimate the percentage of officers who engaged in abusive be-havior, but he said if he had to guess he'd say about 10 percent. Some cops, he said, just flat out like to be brutal.

'I used to work with a guy who loved to beat the [expletive] out of people. He's a sergeant now and he's teaching young cops the same crap he used to do.

The officer said he had been prompted to call by columns I had written about two disastrous drug raids that occurred in the Bronz on Feb. 27.

In one of the raids, an innocent man was dragged handcuffed and naked from his apartment and put through several hours of grotesque humiliation before being released. It turned out the police had raided the wrong apartment. In the second raid, a woman

who was eight months pregnant and her 15-year-old sister were

By Bob Herbert

NEW YORK — The police of-ficer called late in the after-dozen cops who turned the apartment upside down in a futile search for marijuana.

The pregnant woman, dressed only in panties and a top, became so frightened that she urinated. Her plea to be allowed to put on dry clothes was denied and she was forced to sit handcuffed in her soiled underwear on her soaked. bed for more than two hours.

That ordeal ended when a cop at the scene announced that the wrong apartment had been hit Later a police spokesman would insist that the raid had not been a mistake, although no drugs were found and no arrests were made.

The officer who called me said he had been on a number of similar raids.

"They call it 'booming.' That's, crashing the door down," he said. "What happens is that the nar cotics guys get these CIs [coning to cut themselves sweet deals to get them out of worse charges. They have to come up with something, so they give this [expletive] information. They'll say,

this guy is selling pot or whatever But a lot of it's not true. "The narcotics guys go and gefa warrant from a judge. And then they boom the door and totally trash the apartment, but a lot of times they'll come up with nothing. One that I went on, there was this older black woman in the, apartment. They threw her down and cuffed her and dragged her outside. It was freezing out and, this woman was crying. I felt so, bad for her. I said, What the [ex-

pletive] are they doing?"

No drugs were found, he said. But the woman's apartment was wrecked.

I asked why cops who object to abusive behavior don't intervene, and try to stop it.

"You don't want to be branded, a rat," he said. "If you were; to challenge somebody for something that was going on, they would say: 'Listen, if the super, visor isn't saying anything, what the hell are you interjecting for? What are you, a rat?

"You gotta work with a lot of these guys," he said. "You go on, a gun job, the next thing you know, you got nobody following you up, the stairs."

The New York Times.

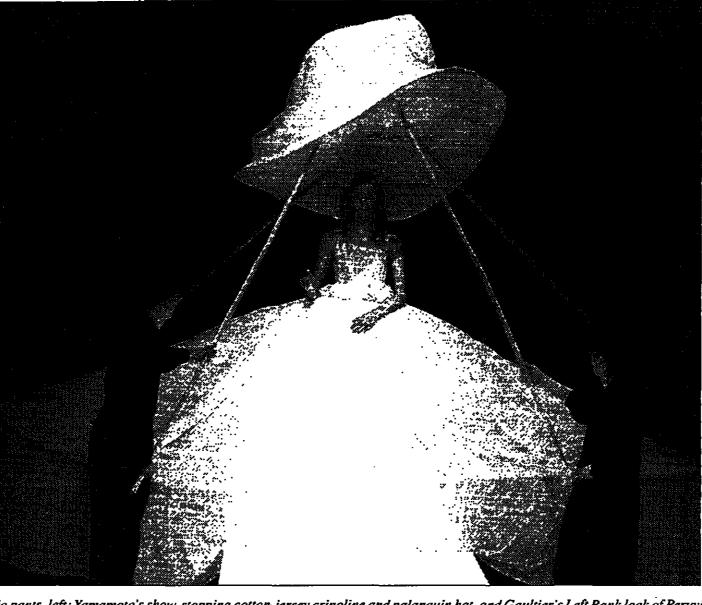


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Lacroix's jet-embroidered mink cape and tuxedo pants, left; Yamamoto's show-stopping cotton-jersey crinoline and palanquin hat, and Gaultier's Left Bank look of Peruvian sweater, satin skirt and French beret.

## Triumph Of Sweater And Skirt

ARIS — The European fall season will be remembered for the triumph of the sweater and the skirt, as a post-fem-inist generation rejects the uniform of the tailored suit.

Skirts come ankle-length, mostly long and slim, but occasionally full. Or the hem falls just over the knee, sometimes with a kicky hem. The return of the pleated skirt is a major

Story.

Delicate sweaters also star, simple in shape, but with fluffy, lacy or sparkle effects. Heavier knits have ethnic or Aran patterns, bias-stitching, flared sleeves or draped and wrinkled welts.

The tabard, the jumper dress and the helmet-hood are back on a wave of medieval inspirations. The cape or mini bolero focuses on shoulders.

Pants are still long and slouchy, but challenged by narrower trousers. Jackets are either super-sharp or

casual wrap shapes. Buttons are mostly hidden or replaced by zippers and snaps. Cardigans are newest. Fur is back, mostly as trims or

patches, with a focus on Mongolian lamb and fox. Coats are long. Shearling is hot.

Leather and unlined suede are cool. Fabrics include anything thick and light, especially felt, mohair, vicuna. boiled cashmere, gray flannel, double face wools and glitter tweeds.

Colors: gray in every shade from anthracite, through slate, dove and pearl to silver. Muesli-flecked beige is the other neutral. Brighter shades are mallard blue, Bordeaux and occasional flash of orange or rose.





Veronique Branquinho's sweater and pleated skirt, top: Locwe's Suzy Menkes shearling jacket and leather skirt.

#### By Suzy Menkes

ARIS — As a white parachute of a dress unfurled on the runway, the model's spreading skirt and huge hat supported by bamboo poles like a stately palanquin, the fashion crowd let out a mighty roar.

It was a cheer from the gut in support of fashion with a capital "F." After three weeks of European fall shows, in which an anemic transfusion of new blood had come from the much-vaunted young generation designers, Yohji 'amamoto's madcap outfit expressed frivolity, fantasy and wit.

Cloned from the Prada/Jil Sander school, but without those designers' strong vision, much that appeared on the runways was about maximum fabric research and minimal creativity.

The trend of the season was toward a modern, sporty look, with the long hemline as a fresh option for skirts and dresses; knitwear to the fore as the jacket softened to a cardigan or shrunk to a bolero; bulky, but super-light materials, including fur, and any color as long as it was gray, sometimes lighted with silver

as artsy decorative effects. Faced with the bland-is-beautiful style of the modernists, it is a defiant gesture to stand up for fashion as a creative expression of an individual point of view. And those who did so were those designers who have already

proved their staying power. No one is more sincerely creative than Yamamoto. Although the finale was dramatic, his show was about simple pieces, like sweaters and pants. Knitwear - thick wool, light mohair or fine cotton jersey — was given a dom-inant role and a distinctive touch. So a sweater might be draped at the hips, buttoned at the back like a reversed cardigan, elongated to create a train or

inserted as part of a pin-striped tunic.
This show left behind the neo-Edwardian romanticism of Yamamoto's recent collections, and was therefore less poetic. But its sportiness was in tune with current fashion. And the designer pushed himself forward, juicing up a black-and-white palette with color and pattern: glowing marigold for a knitted coat; blanket striped cardigans; ethnic-patterned hand-knit skirts. They were a

## After a Surfeit of Minimalism, Paris Enjoys a Burst of Creativity

bold take on the longer length and made a quirky, wearable version of the showstopping crinoline.

Jean Paul Gaultier's creativity is ebullient. While other French designers often stick with an image, he always catches the fashion moment. A jazzclub set, metaphorically reeking of Gauloise and garlic, ushered in a witty take on Left Bank existentialists — all sloppy knits, jumper dresses and skinny, cropped pants, as worn by the garnine Audrey Hepburn among the Left Bank

beatniks in "Funny Face." How piquant of Gaultier to pick up on the glory years of Saint-Germain-des-Pres, just when the subject was put in focus by Giorgio Armani's canceled show last week. But Gaultier made the clothes seem contemporary, by adding a sporty, linear sexiness to his tailoring and even giving fresh life to the duffel

coat and the beret. This Gallic take on sportswear was a welcome contrast to the pallid and politically correct American version. It had the added spice of ethnic Peruvian patterns for striking knits. Worn with long full skirts they expressed beautifully Gaultier's new position in fash-

ion between streetwear and couture. Christian Lacroix was inspired by an earlier decade: 1940s fashion, with sharp-shouldered jackets, over-the-knee skirts and wedge-heeled shoes of those Liberation years. The designer took the theme rather too literally, with Victory Roll hairdos and make-up, but that is because he has theater in his soul.

The clothes themselves, which in the past have seemed a chaotic kaleidoscope in the ready-to-wear collection. formed a clear picture and had skillful and whimsical decoration, like the jet beads rattling from jaunty epaulettes or the tasseled strings of multi-colored

stones twisted round the wrist. The jackets were severe, but within their crisp framework were the most artistic fabric effects and intriguing textures, from the opening coat described in the program as resembling "torn pa-

per," through soft devore velvet pants, a frock coat in boiled tweed and lacy and fluffy mohair sweaters.

Now that so many designers make an entire collection out of sweaters and skirts, Lacroix might have showcased his inventive knits, rather than having them just peep out from the tailoring. But by substituting surface interest for the usual vivid color, Lacroix produced a new harmony of tone and texture.

Thierry Mugler's hourglass silhouette is so rigid it seems nothing will ever break the mold of dominatrix-cum-sil-



Mugler's side-split, long-line dress.

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ver screen star. She steps out in curvaceous suit or slinky dress, that is tricked out with vinyl and finished with garter belt and hose on view through a high-slit skirt. It is a treat for the photographers done to a formula

tographers, done to a formula. But this season, in a three-tier collection, Mugler showed a sporty side. The baggy jeans, rapper pants and zippered jackets were nothing so new, but worn with Mugler's platform shoes and touched with shimmering silver, the junior MTM line that opened the show had a cartoon space-age glamour.

What Mugler has going for him, is precision cutting. For women who want structure, he slices a jacket with a scalpel and a neckline like a cookie cutter. But now that innovative fabrics are so much part of forward-looking fashion, Mugler

needs to beef his up. Pierre Cardin also needs to take time out on fabric research, although Monday's show had an elegance and grace that brought the line out of its space age time warp. Sergio Altieri may have reprised Cardin's greatest hits, but they looked fresh as a flying panel swung from the back of a jacket, a jersey dress was caped at the shoulder and evening dresses spun a circle at the neck.

HE Paris shows are an opportunity for designers to show the extent of their range. For Herve Leger, that meant putting his signature banded evening dresses on the back burner, but using the same idea as stitchcraft on shapely knits or as disable metals and the control and the same idea as stitchcraft on shapely knits or as disable metals. That in turn control and the same idea as t agonal seaming on leather. Leger also showed day clothes, which just picked up on current trends like fur trimming and silver sparkle, but made a well balanced collection.

Sportiness and ease were the message from Hanae Mori, whose casual Weekend line opened her show Monday with luxurious knits. Panne velvet for evening also gave the collection a soft touch.

The closing show at the Carrousel du-Louvre on Monday came from Ines de la Fressange, the former model. Herclothes are designed to capture the essence of casual French chic with pinked, edges on a navy pea or duffel coat and a ruffled shirt breaking over sand suede. And it's never too young to step out on, the runway. The show closed with a tiny-child clutching the bridal bouquet.

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THE PETTICOAT AFFAIR: Manners, Mutiny and Sex in Andrew Jackson's White House

By John F. Marszalck. 296 pages, Free Press. \$25.

Reviewed by Jonathan Yardlev DEGGY O'Neale was sexy, outspoken and perhaps a trifle soiled so at least her detractors claimed -- by New Year's Day 1829, when she married John Henry Eaton. Few would have taken notice of the occasion if the bride had not been the daughter of a wellconnected tavern and boardinghouse operator in the District of Columbia, and the groom the most intimate friend of the newly elected president, Andrew

turned out, was highly combustible. The story of Peggy Eaton has been forgonen for generations, known to few except scholars of the Age of Jackson or, recently, of women's history. But it is, as John F. Marszalek argues in "The Petticoat Affair," an important story, involving "politics and etiquette, ambition and honor, personality and society."

Jackson. The combination, as it quickly

The hour at which Peggy O'Neale married John Eaton was momentous for Washington and the United States. The two-party system was in its youth. bringing into the open passionate conflicts between the old elite leadership and the newly aggressive "common

people" for whom Jackson was both representative and spokesman. Washington was a small city (population 39,000) dominated by a Tory old guard in which "politics and society were difficult to separate." indeed were widely regarded as one and the same.

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The old guard feared and hated Andy Jackson, whom it saw as coarse, rapacious and untrustworthy. To some degree he was all of that, yet this roughand-ready man from Tennessee was also faithful to the most rigid ideals of honor as embraced by ante-bellum white Southern males. The recent death of his wife. Rachel, "was a loss beyond his comprehension," and he quickly found. in Peggy Eaton, a woman toward whom to redirect "his extreme gallantry toward women, manifested especially in his belief that they were innately weak and that men, as the stronger sex, were morally obligated to protect them.

Margaret Eaton — as Marszalek insists upon calling her, apparently on the mistaken assumption that the nickname somehow diminishes her - needed, if not protection, friends and defenders. In a culture that expected women to "exemplify submissiveness, piety, purity and domesticity." she was none of the above: "She was, for all intents and purposes, a tavern keeper, a woman, it was said, who, since her teenaged days, had openly consorted with males in a contined place where alcohol was

served, inhibitions were loosened and all kinds of talk took place.

Combine this with a lethal mixture of sauciness and beauty, and the proper ladies of Washington had more than enough to chatter about. They were aghast when, hard on the heels of this outrage, the president-elect named her new husband secretary of war, a position of great prominence and influence. Gossip circulated and escalated with astonishing intensity; she was called every name in the book and accused of specific offenses, not a single one of which could be proved.

Jackson, who had business of critical importance to the nation on his desk, became obsessed with Mrs. Eaton's virtue, which he proclaimed at every opportunity. Not merely was his friend's wife under vicious and unjustifiable attack, but he saw the onslaught "as a

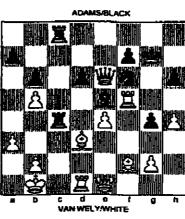
manifestation of opposition to him." It is both an amusing and a cautionary tale, a view of a political Washington that shows it above all else a snake pit in which trivial affairs can become matters of state, thanks to the prevailing smallmindedness and vindictiveness. As for the questions of woman's place that Marszalek raises, undoubtedly the Eaton case anticipated controversies of a later day, but this is more an accident of history than a step in a linear progression. Eaton may not have been Moll Flanders, but she wasn't Gloria Steinern, either.

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By Robert Byrne

MICHAEL Adams's energetic play and keen tactical eye can be seen in his defeat of the Dutch grandmaster Loek Van Wely in Round 9 of the Hoogoven Tournament. The Queen's Indian countermeasure.

4 a3, was developed by Tigran Petrosian and perfected by Kasparov. The plan is to prohibit the Nimzovichian pin, 4...Bb4, and build up to a powerful center. The point of 4...Ba6 is that after 5 Qc2 Bb7, White cannot advance in the center with 6 d5. Black brings about the exchange with



Position after 30 Qe1

9 Nc6 Bc6 so that White's superiority in terrain will not severely cramp the black position.

The most aggressive way for White to

play is 12 O-O-O, but both kings are subject to attack. Black cannot seize a pawn with 12...Bf2? because of 13 e5 Ne8 14 Bd3 Bc5 15 Bh7, which exposes After 13...e5, it is not worthwhile for

White to play 14 Be5 Qg5 15 f4 Be3 16 Kbi Bi4. With 15 Nb5 Bb5 16 cb, White ob-

tains the bishop pair and opens the a2-g8 diagonal for his king bishop. But Black gets to use the c line against the white king position. After 18 Bh4, a J. Watson-W. Browne game in Los Angeles, 1966, went 18...d5!? 19 f4 Rc5!? 20 Rd4 ed 21 e5

Qe8 22 Qa7 Ne4 23 Qb6 with a wild, wide-open game. Adams tried an equally ambitious 18...h6!? 19 f4 g5 20 fe Be5. After 25...Rc7. Van Wely should have rearranged his pieces with 26 Bb4 d6 27 Od3 to keep the black forces pinned down. Van Wely wandered further with 28

Bf2?!, which put his queen bishop where it aimed at the granitelike b6 pawn; 28 Bb4 would have been appropriate. Moreover, he fails to penetrate Adams's cunning designs against the white king.

Adams's incisive 29... Rc4! was based on the point that 30 Bc4 Rc4 31 Rf6 Rb4! 32 Rc6 Rb2 33 Kc1 fe gives Black

a winning endgame. Van Wely, surely shocked, retreated with 30 Qe1 and was annihilated by the tremendous-30...Rc3!, threatening 31...Ra3!

Van Wely desperately tried to defend against the lightning attack on his king with 31 Re5, but after 31...de 32 bc Qb33 33 Kal Qa3 34 Kbl Qb3 35 Kal Rc3!, 1845 there was nothing to do. If 36 Qe2, then 36...Qa4 37 Kb1 Qb4 38 Qb2 Rb3 wins: easily.

Van Wely tried 36 Bbl, but after 36...Qa3 37 Ba2 Rc2. he gave up.

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2 c4	eß	21 Bel	Re8
3 Nf3	b6	22 Ob3	Qe7
4 a3	Ba6	23 Bc4	Ke7
5 Qc2	Bb7	24 h4	gi
6 Nc3	c5	25 Rf1	Rc7
7 e4	cd	26 RI5	Reco
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9 Nc6	Bcs	28 Br2	Qet
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## A Drying Well in Japan

NEC Is Turning to Foreign Banks for Funds

TOKYO — Citibank NA and seven other foreign banks plan to lend NEC Corp. up to 70 billion yen (\$543 million) in Japan's first syndicated revolving loan, as companies broaden fund-raising efforts to cope with reduced lending by domestic banks.

The move by NEC, Japan's largest maker of microchips and personal computers, comes as Japanese banks are slashing lending to get risky assets off their books and increase capital-to-asset ratios before the end of Japan's financial year on March 31.

"The recent economic turmoil in Japan has made leading companies such as NEC take measures, like the current facility, to insure they are protected from disturbances in the financial markets," Citibank said.

Joining Citibank in the syndicate are The Chase Manhattan Bank, Bayerische Vereinsbank AG, Deutsche Bank AG, Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, Union Bank of Switzerland, Bank of America and Bayerische Landesbank Girozentrale.

The 364-day syndicated revolving facility would enable NEC to get loans for periods of less than six months at the

London interbank offered rate, plus fixed additional costs whenever it wished during the period, NEC and Citibank officials said.

"The deal should improve our fund-management efficiency by lessening the money now held as short-term liquidity and instead allowing us to use it for other purposes," a NEC spokesman said.

Lending by Japanese banks fell in February from the same month a year ago, marking the 17th straight month that loans fell or were unchanged, central bank figures show. Banks are trying to increase their

capital-to-asset ratios to meet global standards, and are finding it hard to meet those levels because they are commit-ting capital to writing off trillions of yen in bad loans.

NEC will rely principally on commercial paper to raise short-term funds and on debt issuance to procure funds for longer-term needs, the spokesman said.

NEC asked the Finance Ministry in January for permission to sell up to 200 billion yen in bonds to finance investments in plants and equipment, according to documents at the ministry.

NEC shares closed Monday at 1,370 yen, unchanged. (Bloomberg, Reuters)



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Berkshire A-shares finished Monday

Last year, Mr. Buffett looked outside

of the stock market for investment op-

ed in February, sent silver above \$7 an

ounce although the price has since fallen

Mr. Buffett might sell the silver, or

whether he plans to buy more. But it

does emphasize that the investment ra-

tionale was that silver was in short sup-

ply relative to demand, not an expec-

tation that inflation would be rekindled.

And it says that Berkshire had a profit at

the end of the year of \$97.4 million on

An earlier commodity speculation by

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The report offers no clue as to when

rations, not the full prices of today."

MICRO-GIANT - A worker cleaning a huge model of a notebook computer in Hannover, Germany on Monday as the city prepared to welcome Cebit '98, the world's largest computer fair. The fair, at which more than 7,000 exhibitors from 60 countries are expected to gather, will run from Thursday to March 25.

## **Devaluation Lifts Shares** In Athens

Move to Qualify for EMU Attracts Foreign Buyers

ATHENS - Greek stocks surged Monday in a key test of investors' response to the drachma's devaluation as-part of the country's efforts to qualify for the planned European single currency.

The Athens stock market's general index closed 7.31 percent higher Monday. Foreign investors took advantage of their stronger foreign currency to buy shares. Shares of companies with exportbased businesses rose as their products

would now be cheaper abroad.

Prime Minister Costas Simitis said:
Saturday that the drachma was being devalued 14.3 percent against the European currency unit, whose rate is de-rived from a basket of European cur-rencies. The drachma had to be weakened in order to enter Europe's exchange-rate mechanism, which limits

fluctuations in participating currencies. The step was seen as crucial to Greece's attempt to join Europe's planned monetary union in 2001.

The drachma, which entered the mechanism at 357 to the Ecu, was trading Monday at 348.724 to the Ecu.

The European commissioner for economic affairs, Yves-Thibault de Silguy, welcomed Greece's entry into the mechanism and praised its stabilization

"The entry of Greece into the exchange-rate mechanism is a step in a right direction," he said in Munich.

found few new opportunities."
He warned that it "may be some time Mr. de Silguy also said that Ireland's decision over the weekend to revalue the punt by 3 percent helped lay down solid foundations for the country's transition to . the single currency.

"Perhaps," he fretted, "the attractive prices of the past were the aber-The drachma's devaluation is expected to lead to price increases for imported goods and an increase in inflation, hurting salaried employees, pensioners and civil servants, as well as companies that have taken out loans in portunities. His silver purchases, reportforeign currencies.

But the devaluation is expected to increase tourism, Greek exports and attract more foreign investors.

Greece's finance minister, Yannos' Papantoniou, unveiled an austerity program Sunday to keep the currency stable and meet Economic and Monetary Union criteria, including additional cuts in state spending of 350 billion drachmas (\$1.2) illion) to reduce the budget deficit.

The Greek government's abrupt change of policy Saturday — scrapping its hard-drachma policy and devaluing to enter the exchange-rate mechanism - was criticized by Greek newspapers, which said the Greek public was 14 (AP, Reuters) percent poorer.

#### Thinking Ahead /Commentary

## **American Euro-Cynics Are Wrong**

By Reginald Dale International Herald Tribune

ASHINGTON - Now that the European Union has formally begun the process of admitting new members from behind the former Iron Curtain, it should be easier to convince American skeptics that West Europeans are actually serious about uniting their Continent. It should be, but it may

Although the doubts are not shared by many among Washington's dedicated band of Euro-watchers, or by the administration, a cynical hard-core minority still insists that the EU is deliberately delaying the entry of the Central European countries, perhaps

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The view is frequently advanced by opponents of extending the North Atlantic Treaty Organization eastward people, that is. who tend to distrust Europeans and to dislike European integration.

One argument is that the West Euro- EU. peans are holding back on expanding the EU in order to put pressure on Washington to ensure that NATO takes the Central and East European countries under its wing, thus relieving the EU of having to do the job.

Another is that the West Europeans are deliberately pushing ahead with distrust the EU in the first place. economic and monetary union so as to make it harder for the Central and East Europeans to fulfill the requirements



used as a further argument against the EU's planned single currency, the

Why on earth would the West Europeans want to behave like this? Well, say the cynics, it is partly to trick the into former Warsaw Pact territory, and Americans into paying for Europe's by those hostile to the EU's plan for a defense, and partly to protect themsingle currency, who often turn out to selves from the cheap imports and low-be the same people — people, that is, wage migrant workers who would flood into Western Europe if the Central and East Europeans joined the

Such suspicions are unlikely to be dispelled by the 26-nation European Conference held in London last week to begin EU entry negotiations with the precisely because the suspicions tend to be harbored by people who

But the cynics attribute a degree of guile and forward thinking to the EU that would astonish most participants for EU membership. That in turn can be in its decision-making process. EU de-

cisions are far more likely to be encumbered by bureaucratic entanglements, the narrow-minded pursuit of national interests and institutional inertia than they are to be dictated by cunning strategic conspiracies.

The cynics are also not listening to the views of the Central and East Europeans themselves, who are no longer complaining about EU foot-dragging. The Central and East Europeans recognize they still have some way to go to be ready for EU membership — Poland for instance is halfway to adopting the huge corpus of EU laws and regulations - and are concentrating on trying to catch up.

The West Europeans cannot keep out industrial exports from the Central and East European countries by delaying their membership, because they already have free-trade agreements with the EU. And the single currency should not make their entry more dif-

If the Central and East Europeans meet the criteria for the single currency by the time they join the EU, well and good. If not, they will just become EU members without joining the euro.

What is true is that the EU countries have a buge amount to do to prepare for the entry of the Central and East Europeans. They need to reform their agricultural policies, their financial ar-Central and East European countries rangements and their decision-making procedures, and, predictably, they have shamefully procrastinated.

The good thing about starting the admission process is that the EU countries are finally putting pressure on themselves to tackle these difficult and unpleasant problems.

## Breaking With Tradition, Buffett Unloads Stocks

Berkshire Sees Few Deals in Today's Markets

truly excited.

at \$61,100, up \$1,800.

to \$6.135 an ounce.

bought last year.

By Floyd Norris New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Warren Buffett, a man who built his reputation by buying stocks that were destined to soar, says he is having a hard time finding new investments that look cheap. So he has been selling some of the huge stock portfolio he built over the decades.

Mr. Buffett, in the annual report of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., released over the weekend, reported that the company had sold about 5 percent of its stocks last year while buying silver and zerocoupon Treasury bonds.

The company cut back on its holdings in three of its largest positions - Walt Disney Co., Wells Fargo & Co. and U.S. Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. as well as on other smaller stock positions that the company did not disclose.

[McDonald's Corp. shares finished down \$1.625 at \$53 on Monday after the company was omitted from Mr. Buffett's list of biggest holdings, Bloomberg News reported.]

Mr. Buffett, chairman of Berkshire Hathaway, gained a wide following for shrewd purchases of stocks over the last three decades, but the annual report showed that the company had sold more shares than it had bought for the second

consecutive year in 1997. "We gained enormously from the low prices placed on many equities and businesses in the 1970s and 1980s," he wrote in the annual report. "In recent years, the actions we took in those decades have been validated, but we have

## **Joblessness in Hong Kong** Takes Biggest Rise in 7 Years

HONG KONG -- Hong Kong's unemployment rate posted its biggest quarterly jump in seven years as the Asian economic slump and a credit squeeze forced employers to cut costs, the government announced Monday.

The unemployment rate jumped to 2.9 percent in the three months through February from 2.5 percent in the previous three months.

Unemployment remains at its highest level since the final quarter of 1995, when it rose to 3.5 percent after the government doubled to 150 the number of legal immigrants allowed in each day from mainland China. The increase in joblessness was the biggest since the first quarter of 1991.

A government spokesman said that a "distinct rise in unemployment" was observed after the Lunar New Year holidays, which ended at the beginning of February. He said that while it was customary

for employers to adjust their work

force at this time of year, the adjustment was intensified by the repercussions of the regional financial turmoil and the consequent setback in the local economy. He added that the government was ready to assist the unemployed to re-enter the work force as soon as possible.

Job creation in the private sector slackened along with the downturn in the economy, but the government's expenditure program, particularly on public housing and new infrastructure, would continue to provide job opportunities, he said,

The territory's government has faced increasingly noisy attacks from politicians and labor unions for failing to act in the face of growing numbers of people being forced out of work by rising interest rates and regional economic turmoil.

The number of people visiting Hong Kong, especially from Japan, has also fallen, hitting hotels, restaurants, retailers and other leisure businesses. (Bloomberg, AFP)

## The Cyberlawyer: Legal Animal of Information Era Head Wed

By Amy Harmon New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Cyberspace, only yesterday the proud Wild West of the Information Age, is rapidly being settled and tamed. The best evidence is a sudden — some might say alarming infestation by a new species, the cyberlawyers.

Last month, at the Computers, Free-

dom and Privacy conference — an annual gathering once dominated by hacktis and security agents — they clogged panels with topics like "Government Jurisdiction Over Cyberspace Transactions." Each week, they send hundreds of messages to their own "Cyberia" like "Usenet Death Penalty — Legal?" electronic-mail list, pondering matters

A pack of cyberlawyers is petitioning sertion of control over the Internet. the White House for access to its planned conference on Internet privacy. Top U.S. law schools are vying to dominate an area of jurisprudence called cyberlaw as firms promoting such practices are becoming ubiquitous.

Whatever happened to the electronic frontier? Perhaps, as they like to say in the legal trade, res ipsa loquitur — the thing speaks for itself.

The internet has changed from a playground for like-minded libertarians to a workplace and social space for millions. The latest settlers have little interest in the cyberstate of nature or the utopian manifestos of pioneers — such as John Perry Barlow's oft-cited "A Declaration of the Independence of Cyber-space," which defied any state's as-

That is where the lawyers come in. 'It's like when you start a colony." said Mike Godwin, chief counsel for the

Electronic Frontier Foundation, an advocacy group that only a few years ago was practically alone in the field. "The first thing you do is find out where the water is. The next thing you

do is form couples, start families. The notion of having law, which is a way to order social interactions, only happens after you have a lot of social interactions such that they become problematic."

But in a legal system that reveres precedent and relies on analogy, even defining the nature of an Internet-related dispute can be a source of con-

Consider a few of the pending cases

and the questions they raise across a range of legal doctrines: The U.S. government sues Microsoft Corp., charging it with antitrust

violations. How is monopoly measured in an information age? · A White House aide, Sidney Blu-

menthal, sues an Internet gossip colurnnist, Matt Drudge, for libel. What is the burden of proof and what are the remedies for libel on the Internet, where everyone can be a publisher? Also, can Mr. Drudge be sued in the District of Columbia for an item that he posted on his World Wide Web site in Los

 America Online Inc. sues for an injunction against multiple distributors

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### **CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES**

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## Saudi Bets Big on a Korean Comeback

By Don Kirk International Herald Tribune

SEOUL - Prince Walid ibn Talal, the Saudi billionaire, bet \$150 million Monday on South Korea's future.

The prince, whose investments range from Citicorp to the Four Seasons-Regent hotel chain to Disneyland-Paris and Saks Fifth Avenue, said he foresaw profits following the economic turmoil afflicting South Korea and much of the rest of Asia.

The prince dashed from one giant chaebol, or conglomerate, to another, promising to contribute a total of \$150 million as "an investment," he explained, not just in a particular company but in Korea."

The prince began his day with a meeting with the Daewoo group chairman. Kim Woo Choong, at which he signed a memorandum agreeing to buy \$100 million in convertible bonds from the Daewoo Corp., the trading and construction

of confidence by a major investor at a stage at which the Daewoo group, South Korea's fourth-largest chaebol, is in need of help. As he put it, "Daewoo is open to additional strategic alliances with any global investors and corporations in capital, production and marketing."

Predicting Daewoo's strategy would ensure an even greater share of world trade," he observed that "strategically positioned industries in the region are today at an advantage to benefit from the recent economic shakeup."

Monday afternoon, Prince Walid was off to the headquarters of the Hyundai group, the country's largest chaebol, and another signing, this time of an agreement to purchase \$50 million of convertible bonds in Hyundai Motor Co. with a conversion value exceeding 6 percent of HMC's common shares.

The prince was not deterred by the precipitous drop in the Korean car market, in which sales of Hyundai, the country's largest motor vehicle manufacturer, have fallen by more than 50 Mr. Kim indicated his relief at the vote percent from a year ago. "I've known account of the meeting.

Hyundai ever since Hyundai went to the Middle East," he said, recalling Hyundai's enormous construction projects in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere. The HMC chairman, Chung Mong

Gyu, a scion of the family that controls the Hyundai group, said HMC, unlike rival Daewoo Motor Co. and other Korean motor vehicle companies, was not looking for a foreign partner but welcomed overseas investment. Other Hyundai companies, he said, also planned to induce foreign capital." The show of confidence by one of the world's wealthiest investors appeared to inspire the host for his visit, President

Kim Dae Jung, to another plea for understanding among traditionally isolationist Koreans of the benefits of a massive infusion of money from abroad. The president, who receives Prince-

Walid on Tuesday, reminded Finance Ministry officials that foreign investment was "linked to the life and death of our economy," according to an official:

#### Very briefly:

• Exel Ltd., a Bermuda-based property and casualty insurer, said it would pay about \$2.1 billion in stock for the 75 percent of Mid Ocean Ltd., a reinsurer, it does not already own in an effort to spur growth in its per-share earnings. Cendant Corp. increased its offer for American Bankers

Insurance Group Inc. by 16 percent, to \$67 a share, or \$3.1 billion, in an effort to surpass a rival bid by American International Group Inc. for the credit insurer.

• BET Holdings Inc., the parent company of Black Entertainment Television, accepted a newly increased offer of \$378 million, or \$63 a share, from its founder, Robert Johnson, and Liberty Media Corp., to buy the 55 percent of BET they

• Eastman Kodak Co. will grant options to buy 100 shares to its 90,000 employees worldwide as the photography company seeks to motivate its workers to increase the company's performance and stock price.

• Trans World Airlines's owner, Carl Icahn, dropped out of the bidding for Pan American World Airways and Milan Mandaric, a Miami investor, came forward as a potential suitor for the bankrupt airline.

#### Weekend Box Office

LOS ANGELES - "Titanic" and "The Man in the Iron 'Mask' dominated the U.S. box office over the weekend, with a gross of \$17.5 million. Following are the Top 10 moneymakers, based on estimates for Friday through Sunday.

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The Associated Press

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Monday's 4 P.M. Close

The 300 most traded stocks of the day,

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# **Bolster Dollar**

Bloomberg News

NEW YORK - The dollar rose sharply against the yen Monday amid renewed concern that Japan will not take the necessary steps to recession.

Traders sold yen as confidence in the economy waned further, follow-

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ing the arrest last week of a top Bank of Japan official for allegedly taking bribes to reveal bank secrets.

"The negative news coming out of Japan in terms of scandals. investigations, arrests and messy bank balance sheets is putting pressure on the yen," said Ben Strauss of Bank Julius Baer in New York. He said the dollar could rise to 132 year by

the end of the month.
Finance Minister Hikaru Matsunaga said he was not considering a spending increase to give a lift to the economy. Many analysts say extra spending and tax cuts are necessary to jump-start the economy, stack in seven-year slowdown.

Meanwhile, a senior official from the governing Liberal Democratic Party, Seiroku Kajiyama, said credit research showed that 10 or more Japanese banks might have liabilities that exceed their assets.

The market is looking at how bad the situation is in Japan and how much it needs to do to get back on track," said Fernando Medina, senior currency trader at Banco Atlantico in New York. "We should see the dollar easily break 130 yen

In 4 P.M. trading in New York, the dollar was at 129.61 yen, up from 128.13 yea on Friday. Against the Deutsche mark, it was at 1.8189 DM, up from 1.8178 DM.

A report that wholesale prices in Germany were unchanged in February from January reinforced per-ceptions that inflation was under control and that German interest rates would not rise in the near term. Rising interest rates make buying assets or making deposits in a currency more attractive.

Germany's Ifo economic research institute will release on Thursday its closely watched index of Western German business con-

Against other major currencies, the dollar edged up to 6.0975 French francs from 6.0965 francs and rose to 1.4780 Swiss francs from 1.4755 francs. The pound rose to \$1.6680

# New Concerns Banking Shares Lead Dow to Record High About Japan

NEW YORK - Blue-chip stocks rose to a record high Monday as banking shares climbed amid falling interest rates and speculation that J.P. Morgan would be sold within the next year.

The talk that J.P. Morgan could be the next financial industry keep its economy from slipping into takeover target "makes people that much more comfortable sticking with the group, because any one of them might be taken over," said Grace Messner, a money manager at Wilmington Trust Co. "You've had consolidation going on for several years, and it's going to continue."

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 116.33 points, to 8,718.85. The Dow last closed at a record on Wednesday, when it finished at 8,675.75. The Standard & Poor's 500 index

Pong Bounces

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land - Hasbro Inc. said Mon-

day it had bought the Atari

video-game division from ITS

Corp. for \$5 million, gaining the rights to more than 75 class-

sic games including Centipede,

Missile Command, Pong and

Hasbro said it planned to de-

velop new versions of the

games for home computers, the

Sony Playstation and Nintendo

64. The company intends to re-

lease a new Centipede for the

personal computer and Playsta-

"These ground-breaking games helped pioneer the video-game industry." Tom Dusenberry, president of Has-

bro Interactive said. "We intend to bring these classics back to life by updating them with the latest technology and interact-

ive game design, while pre-serving their heart and spirit." In February, Hasbro said it would pay \$335 million for Ti-

Atari struggled for several

years after its successes in the

early 1980s, suffering from in-

tense competition from Sony

Corp., Sega Enterprises Ltd.

and Nintendo Co. JTS, which bought Atari in July 1996,

makes disk drives for personal

computers. The company said it

would use the proceeds of the

sale to fund increases in pro-

duction. (Bloomberg. Reuters)

tion later this year.

ger Electronics Inc.

Breakout

rose 10.68 points, to 1,079.27, while the drop in bond yields. the Nasdaq Composite index rose 16.50 points, to 1,788.16.

J.P. Morgan rose 51/4 to 1301/4 Treasury bond prices rose as the dollar rallied and investors speculated that the consumer price index, set for release Thursday, would

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likely show that prices rose very little in January.

The price of the benchmark 30year bond rose 15/32 to 103 22/32, pushing its yield down to 5.86 percent from 5.89 percent on Friday. 'We should be looking at lower

yields despite the fact the economy remains strong," said Alan Koepplin of Cowen Asset Management. Banking stocks benefited from

"If interest rates come down, oban alternative to bonds," said James the dough," he added. 'I read in between the lines that he is skep-Wood, Struthers & Winthrop, a unit of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette.

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Stocks got a life from recent comments by the billionaire investor Warren Buffett, who said the current on-line traffic without laying more fiber-optic line.

(Bloomberg, AP)

## Aetna Sets Price for Health Unit

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HARTFORD, Connecticut — both sides," said Kenneth AbActua Inc. has agreed to buy the health-care unit of New York Life

Co. "Actua will be acquiring more one of Insurance Co. for \$1.05 billion in the company."

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Actual which became one of the company of cash, the companies said Monday.

The purchase price could increase by as much as \$300 million if the NYLCare Health Plans unit reaches its earnings and enrollment targets during the next two years.

The purchase would increase Aema's market share in New York, the Washington-Baltimore area and Texas, while allowing New York Life to focus on life insurance and annuity sales and to strengthen its money-management businesses.

Insurance Co. for \$1.05 billion in regional strength and more management talent. And New York Life will be getting some funds it can immediately use in its core businesses."

Sy Sternberg, chairman, president and chief executive of New York Life, said the deal would allow his company to focus on building its core businesses in life insurance and

The transaction includes all of NYLCare's managed care and other health lines as well as its group life ulators. (AP, NYT)

America's largest health insurers when it bought U.S. Healthcare for \$8.2 billion in 1996, has 13.7 million health insurers lion health-insurance customers.

The New York Life unit provides health insurance for 2.2 million people, including 1.5 million under managed care. The agreement has been ap-

proved by the boards of both companies and is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 1998. It is

about \$100 million a year by 2000

Communications shareholders will

receive 0.74 shares of Alltel for each

\$45.8125 at the close Friday, that

Under terms of the deal, 360.

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## Alltel Purchase to Create Telephone Giant

NEW YORK - Alltel Corp. is buying 360 Communications Co., a cellular phone service provider, for about \$4.1 billion in stock, the companies announced Monday.

The deal, which would create one of the United States' largest wireless communications carriers, comes as telephone companies have been teaming up to expand their base of customers, broaden their menus of potential services and save by eliminating duplicated expenses.

The combined company will retain Alltel's headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas, and market its services under the Alltel brand name. It \$4.5 billion, more than 5.6 million chief rival in the Southeast, as well customers in 22 states and more than as cut costs for both companies.

20,000 workers. The company will They said they expected to save sell its products in 250 retail stores. Alltel also will assume \$1.85 billion in debt.

"It's a pretty reasonable price," said Tony Ferrugia of A.G. Edwards Alltel has about 3 million cus-

tomers in 14 states, mostly in the Midwest and Southeast, for longdistance, wireless and Internet ser-

The acquisition could enable Allwill have annual revenue of about tel to challenge BellSouth Corp., its

Chicago-based 360 Communications has about 2.6 million cellular customers in 15 states, mostly in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic. It was spun off from Sprint Corp. in 1996.

would make the deal worth about \$4.12 billion.

The deal is subject to approval by shareholders of both companies as well as to regulatory clearance, but the companies expect to complete it by midsummer. Alltel shares were trading at

\$44.4375 late Monday, down \$1,375. Shares of 360 Communications were at \$31.4375, down \$4.1875.

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U. S. STOCK MARKET DIARY

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**U.S. Stock Tables Explained** 

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Mar 99 610.90
Est. soles N.A. Frits soles 12,675
Frits open int 94,019, off 561

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LONG GALT (LIFFE)
LS0,000 - pls & 37,nds of 100 pcl
Mor 99 N.T. N.T. 126-02 + 0-13
Jun 99 108-11 107-30 108-09 + 0-13
Est. soles: 30,405. Prev. soles: 47,787
Prev. open Int.: 200,764 off 3,810 GERMAN GOV, BUND (LIFFE)

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S YR TREASURY (CBOTT)
\$100.000 prin- pis & 64ths of 100 pc;
Mor 98 109-33 109-24 109-32 + 11 19,101
Jun 98 109-35 109-18 109-32 + 12 263,955
Est soler 35,000 Frits soles 43,626
Frits open int 283,127, lup 2,921

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Sep 98 .5575 .5545 5.5546 0.0004 1.429
Est. salos N.A. Frits sales of 1,295
Frits open int 117.048, off 1,444

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> 1500,000 - pfs of 100 pcf
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> Sep 70 92.46 92.61 92.65 +0.03 111.961
> Dec 99 97.24 92.87 92.84 +0.04 118.534
> Mar 99 97.05 92.99 97.85 +0.04 74.786
> Jun 99 97.04 97.99 97.04 97.05 70.271
> Dec 99 97.45 97.89 97.04 0.05 70.271
> Dec 99 97.45 97.89 97.89 +0.06 76.569
> Est soles: 76.460. Prev 306s: 138.500
> Prev, open Int: 906.359 up 777

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7-MONTH EUROMARK (LIFFE)

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Jun 98 96.390 94.375 96.390 +0.005 40.260

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# Intel Is on the Prowl to Invest in High-Tech Newcomers

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Although the vast majority of start-up activity remains in the United States, many European countries have made strides in fostering entrepreneurship and innovation, said Nigel Grierson, Intel's director of corporate business development in London

Leave interpreted had be a series of the ser He said that European venture - capital, while still relatively scarce, was growing and turning more toward information technology.

Europe is becoming very interesting," he said. "There is a mine of opportunity."

Although Intel declines to give precise figures, it has said the total value of stakes it holds in other companies exceeds \$500 million, not including companies it has acquired outright.

profit warning and increasing signs of slackening demand for personal

We have every confidence that the underlying growth for computers is going to be strong, he said.

Intel has stakes in more than 100 companies that are developing rechnologies related to networking, semiconductors, the In-

ternet and communications. In the past year, it has bought stakes in Cambridge Display Technologies, a Britain-based flat-screen developer, Fantastic Corp., a Swiss developer of media and broadcasting software and iXOS Software AG, a German archiving and imaging-software

Intel acquired Case Technology of Denmark, a maker of networking equipment, and formed a partnership with SCM Microsystems Inc. of Germany, which is working on

FRANKFURT — Intel Corp. is increasingly looking to invest in vestment program despite a recent vestment program despite a recent delivers interpret data via satellite. delivers Internet data via satellite. It has also joined forces with SAP

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AG to launch Pandesic, a U.S.based venture that helps small companies set up electronic commerce systems.

Europe has become more attractive for investment as governments have reset regulatory environments in the hope that new ventures will stimulate economic growth and cre-

ate jobs, Mr. Grierson said. Britain leads the way in overall climate, with excellent universities and entrepreneurial spirit," he said. Germany and Scandinavia are also strong, he said, but France lags.

Along with regulatory changes, Europe has gained ground in trying to duplicate the success of the Nasdaq stock exchange, which lists the shares of Intel, Microsoft Corp. and many high-technology companies and start-ups.

SCM, for example, is listed on Neuer Markt, the Frankfurt bourse's electronic exchange. The Nouveau Marche is a similar exchange in Paris, while the Easdaq in Brussels is trying to become a pan-European market for

"One of the things European companies struggle with is when to go public," Mr. Grierson said. Nasdaq is a tough market to go on without a North American office. The New Market and the Nouveau Marche have lowered the hurdles."

growth stocks

Changes in political and financial climates have been backed up by the greater availability of European venture capital, Mr. Grierson said, adding, "A lot of companies that couldn't have gotten off the ground

before are now getting funding." Most European venture money still goes to biotechnology and other fields. In 1997, about \$12 billion was available from European venture firms, with only 5 percent going into information technology, he said.

"That's a small number, but it's doubling every year," he said. "There are about 10 tech-friendly VCs in Europe, but I get calls from two more each month. The explosion of venure capital confidence in the U.S. has been watched over here."

By supporting key technologies, Intel aims to keep sales of computers, and its semicanductors, on the rise. In Europelfintel hopes ESM will help lift Intercet use by shortening access time. SCM could nurture e-

commerce by linking smart cards and personal computers, while Cambridge: Display's flexible screens could lead to virtual reality systems that require high-powered processors. The Case deal helped Intel acquire technology for its own line of networking products.

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## As Takeover Winds Blow, **Telecom Shares Get a Lift**

Compiled by Cur Staff From Disputches

Shares in European telecommunications companies rose Monday amid speculation that three companies - Orange PLC, Cable & Wireless PLC and Olivetti SpA — might be the target of takeover bids.

After merger speculation among banks, insurers and drugmakers helped drive benchmark stock indexes to records in recent months, now the telecommunications sector looks like the hot spot for takeovers, investors and traders said.

"There's more consolidation to come," said Simon Davies, a fund manager at Berry Asset Management in London.

Olivetti, the Italian telecommunications and information-technology company that controls the mobile-phone company Omnitel Pronto Italia SpA, finished the day ar 2,500 lire (\$1.39), up 180.

Mannesmann AG, Olivetti's German partner, and Mediaset SpA, the Italian broadcaster that plans to expand into telecommunications, have been named by traders and analysis as the two most likely candidates to take control of Olivetti.

Omnitel is seen by many analysts as attractive because it has a 21 percent share of Italy's cellularphone market, one of the fastestgrowing in Europe. Telecom Italia Mobile SpA controls the remaining

79 percent Cable & Wireless was named as a potential takeover target by a British newspaper, which based its speculation on a research note by two analysts. Andrew Harrington and Richard Sloane of Salomon Smith Barney, who upgraded their price target for the company to 890 pence (\$14.87) a share from the 750 pence

estimate they made 18 months ago. Cable & Wireless closed at 706 pence, up 6. British Aerospace is poised to sell

its 21 percent stake in Orange, according to a published report, and could raise as much as £1.5 billion from the sale. Orange rose 27 peace to close at

Shares of TeleDanmark AS also

gained 52 kroner to close at 570 (\$81.86) in Copenhagen after the company denied a report that it was Germany. thinking of spinning off its German

#### Spain Phone Giant Divides Operations

Compiled by Our Staff From Desputches

MADRID - The Spanish telecommunications giant Telefonica de Espana announced Monday a wide-ranging reorganization of its activities, aimed particularly at improving profitability.
Telefonica is dividing into

five different activity sectors, Chairman Juan Villalonga said. The five are: Telefonica Espana, Telefonica Internacional, Telefonica Moviles (mobile telephones), Telefonica Media

(which is to be spun off, Mr. Villalonga said) and a joint venture resulting from the company's alliance with Portugal Telecom.

Telefonica shares finished at 6,270 pesetas (\$40.48), down (AFP, AFX)

mobile-phone unit, Talkline. Tele Danmark said Monday that it had no plans to spin off Talkline, refuting comments by Talkline's chief executive, Dirk Reupke, that

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## Pearson Chief Keeps Her Word As Operating Profit Rises 15%

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LONDON - Pearson PLC re- or outs," she said. ported a 15 percent increase in 1997 operating profit Monday as the British media company's chief executive, Marjorie Scardino, renewed her pledge to deliver double-digit

earnings growth. Pearson, which owns The Financial Times and Les Echos news-papers and half of The Economist magazine and Penguin Books, as well as Madame Tussaud's wax-works and "The Price is Right" game show, said operating profit for the year was £323.2 million (\$539.9 million). Sales rose 4.9 percent to

£2.29 billion.

"We said we'd deliver doubledigit earnings growth," Ms. Scardino said, "and we've delivered it. main businesses - The Financial Granted this is the first year, but we

expect it to be the first in a string." Ms. Scardino — an American who is the only female CEO of a major British company — noted that she had taken some flak last year when

she made her earnings pledge.
"But we thought it was a good What we're trying to do is make possible this year." (Bloomberg, Reuters) Pearson a more reliable performer

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Pearson has sold off assets - most recently a software unit, Mindscape Inc., at a \$350 million loss - to expand television production in pursuit of Ms. Scardino's goal of doubling the company's value by 2002.

They were a solid set of results. a little bit less than I expected," said Louise Barton of Henderson Cros-

Pearson shares fell 9 pence to 957 on Monday. They have risen 25 percent since Ms. Scardino's arrival in January 1997, trailing the 40 percent increase in the FT-SE 100 index, of which Pearson is a component.

Ms. Scardino said she planned to continue focusing on Pearson's Times, educational publishing and television and entertainment while selling such noncore assets as minority stakes in British Sky Broadcasting PLC and the cable-TV company Flextech.

The BSkyB shares, I think we won't be able to sell until 1999." promise, and we've delivered it. she said. "The Flextech shares, it's

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

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#### Very briefly:

 German wholesale prices were unchanged in February as rising egg and meat prices offset falling heating-oil costs, signaling subdued inflation for the next few months.

• The European Commission said it no longer had any objections to the planned merger of the accounting firms Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand.

 Sun Life & Provincial Holdings PLC reported higher pretax profit for 1997 and said benefits from its merger with AXA Equity & Law would be greater than expected; prefax profit before nonrecurring items rose 14 percent to £284.5 million (\$475.3 million).

• Alitalia SpA said it would delay its planned 750 billion life (\$417.1 million) share sale until a dispute with unions representing flight assistants was resolved.

 BTR PLC sold its laminates business, Formica Corp., and its Australian building-products unit for £650 million as the British industrial, transport and construction company continued an initiative to focus on its engineering business.

· Ciba Specialty Chemicals Inc., spun off last year from the pharmaceuticals company Novartis AG, said its 1997 net profit jumped 84 percent to 571 million Swiss francs (\$386.8) million) before restructuring charges.

 An International Monetary Fund team will recommend delaying the next installment of a \$542 million loan to Ukraine because the country has failed to meet IMF conditions, a Ukrainian official said.

• Banco Bilbao Vizcaya of Spain said it planned to invest an additional \$3.5 billion in Latin America to help compensate for declining profit margins in Europe; the bank has invested \$2.5 billion in Latin America over the past three years.

• Focus magazine of Germany wants Ford Motor Co. to change the name of its Focus model, which is to replace the Escort, and is preparing to ask a German court to prevent the U.S. cormaker from using the name. Bloomherg, Rewers

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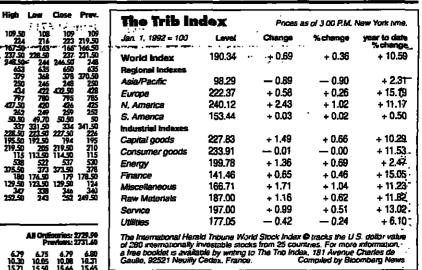
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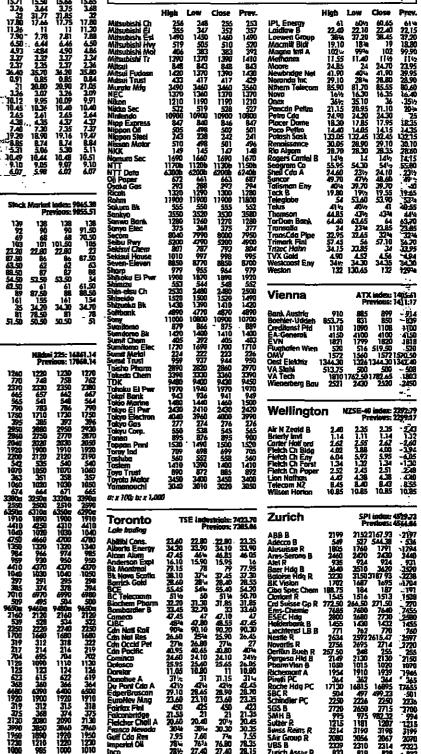
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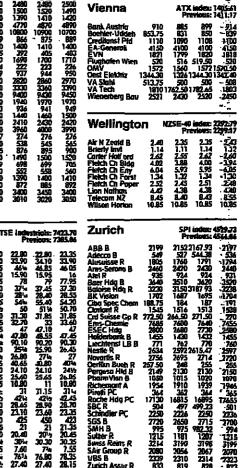
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## **New Cabinet** Gets to Work In Indonesia

By Seth Mydans New York Times Service

JAKARTA — A new, nationalist-oriented Indonesian cabinet Pook office Monday facing tough negotiations with international lenders over how best to dig the country out of its deepening eco-

Cabinet members said they would get to work immediately to formulate policies, as representatives from donor nations gathered in Jakarta to meet with them.

As if to emphasize his autonomy, President Suharto announced the formation of a cabinet over the weekend that appears to represent business as usual at a time when the International Monetary Fund is demanding fundamental changes in

Already here or soon to arrive are senior officials from the IMF, the United States, Germany and Japan, all of which have urged Mr. Suharto to proceed with austerity measures to which he agreed two months

The stock market and currency strengthened slightly Monday. maintaining what financial analysts said was a holding pattern as investors wait to see whether Jakarta and the Fund can reach accommodation. The Fund has delayed the continued disbursement of its \$40 aid package because of doubts over the carrying out of its conditions.

Government statements over recent days have suggested that Jakarta will seek an easing of requirements that it remove price supports from fuel and basic food comand social unrest.

Mr. Suharto and his officials have also indicated that they may seek to sushita, who offered to resign last maintain some of the state controls week to take responsibility for the and monopolistic practices that have arrest of a central bank official in a

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people," Mr. Hasan said Monday.

## Malaysia Growth Rate in Doubt

KUALA LUMPUR — Finance Minister Anwar Ibrahim indicated Monday that the economic crisis in Asia would again force the government to cut its forecast for economic growth this year.

The government statistics department reported that Malaysia's annual inflation rate rose to its highest level in five years last month as the ailing ringgit pushed up import costs.

The consumer price index rose 4.4 percent in February from a year earlier, up from a rate of 3.4 percent in January and a 2.7 percent rate for all of 1997.

Analysts said the weakened currency had raised the price of im-ported goods, especially food items, and would fuel inflation in coming months, pushing interest Increased interest rates tend

slow economic growth by making it more expensive for companies and individuals to finance pur-

slashed growth estimates to 4 per- worth of food last year.

cent to 5 percent, sharply lower than the 8 percent annual growth Malaysia averaged over the last decade

Mr. Anwar did not say Monday what the new growth forecast for 1998 would be, but he indicated last week that 3 percent growth would more appropriate.

The International Monetary Fund forecast late last year that Malaysia's economy would grow 2.5 percent in 1998.

On Sunday Mr. Anwar, who is jor concerns. also deputy prime minister, said he would reveal additional measures to stabilize the economy when Parliament reconvenes next week. He also said over the weekend that Malaysia was considering taking a rural development loan from the World Bank.

The government has asked Malaysians to cut consumption of imported food since a regional financial crisis erupted last July, undercutting the ringgit's value against the dollar.

Malaysia imported an estimated In December, Mr. Anwar 10 billion ringgit (\$2.7 billion)

In February, the government was forced to raise the prices of imported food products — sugar, condensed milk and flour. It has also allowed a rise in chicken prices due to mounting costs of imported poultry feed.
To head off inflation, analysts

said, Kuala Lumpur must keep interest rates high to encourage savings and reduce borrowings.

Mr. Anwar said that rising inflation was one of Malaysia's ma-'We must focus our efforts on

containing inflation, restoring business confidence and facilitating recovery without resorting to fiscal pump priming," he said.
Still, the chief economist at the

World Bank, Joseph Stiglitz, said Malaysia's economic fundamentals were relatively strong. "The state of the economy in

Malaysia is clearly one of the strongest points within the rehe said after meeting with Mr. Anwar. He added that its strength "is the basis of prospects of quick recovery to the economic situation here." (AP. Reuters)

## Outspoken Veteran to Run Bank of Japan

TOKYO - Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto has selected an outspoken former central bank official with more than 50 years' experience in Japanese finance to take over as governor of the Bank of Japan, the government said Monday.

Masaru Hayami, 72, was a former executive director of the central bank who later became chairman of modities, in the face of rising prices Nissho Iwai Corp., a major trading company.

He will replace Yasuo Matcharacterized major industries here. widening bribery scandal that had "I start my duties in the midst of a already claimed a finance minister

meeting between the prime minister helped shape monetary policy. and Finance Minister Hikaru Mat-

'I decided to take the job because One of the most controversial I, as someone who knows a little Nobuyuki Saji, senior economist



The announcement came after a Masaru Hayami, 72, who

raised in advance as a possible choice. But his selection is good because of his expertise in global financial markets."

The candidates for the two new deputy governor posts also were unofficially named Monday.

One is Sakuya Fujiwara, 61, a 'Some monopolies help the at Nikko Research Center, said: former correspondent for the Jiji titled "The Day the Yen Wins Re"But over the long term this is ple," Mr. Hasan said Monday. "Hayami's name was never even Tsushin-Sha news agency, where his spect." (Reuters, Bloomberg) definitely good news," he added.

assignments included coverage of the central bank and the Finance Ministry. Considered a critic of both, he swings on regional markets stem-wrote a book titled "The True Faces ming from the Asian financial of Bank of Japan Governors."

The other candidate, Yutaka Yamaguchi, is an executive director of the central bank.

The current senior deputy govemor, Toshihiko Fukui, has been passed over for the post of governor and is also expected to resign from his position as deputy.

All three bank appointments are meeting Friday, government sources said.

Political analysts had said that finding a suitable candidate to head the Bank of Japan would be difficult given the need to find someone untainted by the scandal but with the necessary experience in a large bureaucracy.

Mr. Hayami has headed several international business associations and bilateral cooperation groups, and he has been considered an influential figure on monetary policy.

He is a foreign exchange spe-cialist who published a book in 1995

## China to Offer **Jumbo Funds** As of Monday

SHANGHAI - China formally announced Monday the launch of its first big mutual funds, in an effort to add stability to the country's volatile stock markets.

The first funds with capital of 2 billion yuan (\$241.6 million) each will be offered to the public starting Monday, the official Xinhua press agency said.

The funds are to be managed by

two big domestic brokerages. China Southern Securities and China Guotai Securities, and will be authorized "This will help us shift from the

present circumstances where the re-liance on individual investors is too great," Xinhua said. "It will help develop rational, long-term institutional investment. China has a number of smaller

mutual funds, but they play a tiny role in the nation's share trading, mainly because they have limited

Beijing hopes that big funds will tap the huge pool of individual savings in bank accounts and promote long-term investments in the stock

The government also sees professionally managed funds as a way to limit investment risk, a theme to which the authorities have paid close attention following the wild

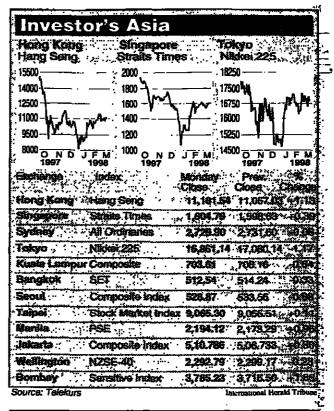
The official news agency cautioned investors that mutual funds were not risk-free but said that they were more reliable than many other investment vehicles while provid-

ing comparatively steady returns.
"Mutual funds will be professionally managed," Xinhua said, quoting an official of the China Selikely to be formalized at a cabinet curities Regulatory Commission, the nation's market watchdog.

"Their operations will be stable with returns that generally will be higher than those of bank deposits and state debt," the official said.

While the aim is to promote the stock market over the longer term, the initial impact may be negative as it could drain funds away from listed

"Initially there could be some pressure on the market - just as new stock offers draw funds away from shares that are already trading on the market," said a broker at Fujian Xingye Securities.



#### Very briefly:

 Chase Manhattan Corp. plans to introduce a credit card in Thailand this year on a limited basis to test the market.

Sega Enterprises Ltd.'s shares rose 4.8 percent, to 2,420 yen (\$18.77), as investors welcomed the company's decision. to concentrate on a replacement for its Saturn home videogame machine.

• The New Zealand Herald reported that 64 percent of the businesses in Auckland that were stricken by power blackouts since Feb. 20 lack insurance to cover their losses. Businesses estimated their collective loss at \$60 million a week.

• Mitsui Fudosan Co. will sell 3.92 million shares of Oriental Land Co., reducing its stake in the operator of Tokyo

Disneyland to 20.5 percent from 24.4 percent. · Chinese exports, which had been expected to suffer due to the Asian financial crisis, rose 15.7 percent in the first two months of 1998, against a year earlier, to \$24.83 billion, the official

Xinhua news agency reported. • Great Wall Industry Corp. and Loral Space & Communications Ltd. of the United States signed a satellite; launch agreement, requiring the Chinese company to carry out-Offive launches by March 2002 for Loral using Long March 3:

 Microsoft Corp.'s chairman and chief executive, Bill! Gates, said he would discuss developing fiber-optic networks:
with partners in Singapore and Australia.

• Ayala Corp., a Philippine holding company, is signing a memorandum of understanding with Microsoft to explore parmerships in information technology, including ventures in electronic commerce, digital entertainment and the possible; establishment of a technology zone.

• Taiwan business leaders will tour Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines under a government plan to... increase investment in the region.

 Ameritech Holdings Ltd., a U.S. telecommunications; company, said it would sell its 24.82 percent stake in Telecom.

Corp. of New Zealand.

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## BUFFETT: Billionaire Sees Few Opportunities in Stock Market

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Berkshire, disclosed in the annual report, involved the purchase of contracts to buy 45.7 million barrels of crude oil. Those contracts were bought in 1994 and 1995, and most of them were sold from 1995 to 1997, Mr. Buffett said, producing a profit of \$61.9 million. At the end of the year, Berkshire still held con-their present levels." tracts for 14 million barrels of oil, with an unrealized gain of \$11.6 million. If Berkshire has held on to those contracts, that profit has turned into a loss as oil prices have fallen in 1998.

The report shows that Berkshire had a profit of \$599 million at the end of the Treasury securities, for which it paid less than \$4.6 billion. Such securities pay no prices are much more volatile than those of ordinary bonds when interest rates move. The position has probably not year, since rates on long-term zeroes are the banking company to 7.8 percent. Its compensated for the risk of a disaster.

Mr. Buffett said he did not believe the stock market was overvalued now, given the current level of interest rates and the "exceptionally high" profit margins bea sure thing to remain at, or even near,

In 1997, Berkshire sold \$2 billion worth of common stocks, while buying just \$714 million, the report showed. In the prior year, it sold \$1.5 billion of shares while buying \$1.4 billion.

The largest sale of stock last year was

profit of \$599 million at the end of the in Disney, where Berkshire reduced its year on its investment in zero-coupon holding to 3.2 percent by selling more than 3 million shares. The report did not disclose the price it got, but the company current interest and are purchased at realized a large profit since its average discounts to face value. As a result, their cost for its Disney position was about \$23 a share, while the 1997 price range was \$66 to \$100.

Berkshire also sold more than 600,000

close to where they were at the end of sales of Freddie Mac were smaller, with the sale of nearly 250,000 shares reducing Berkshire's stake to 8.6 percent. Although Berkshire is best known for its investments, it also owns a wide range of businesses, from See's Candies to The ing posted by American corporations. Buffalo News. Its largest operating units But, he added, "returns on equity are not are in insurance, where it has done well selling "super catastrophe" reinsurance.

That insurance would cost it money if a major disaster, like an earthquake or hurricane, caused huge losses to an insurance company that had bought reinsurance from Berkshire.

The annual report said that Berkshire would write less of that insurance this year, in large part because the price of such insurance has fallen.

Mr. Buffett attributed that decline to the introduction of so-called catastrophe bonds, which pay relatively high rates of interest — unless there is a major disaster. Then they not only pay no interest, but the investor may lose the entire principal as well. Mr. Buffett warned that investors in made or lost much money so far this shares in Wells Fargo, cutting its stake in such bonds were not being adequately

Even critics agree that the

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is suing the U.S. government for denying his application to send an encryption program over the Internet. Should the government be able to block him on national security grounds, or would that violate his free-speech rights?

Cindy Cohn, the lawyer representing the math professor, said it was in part the lure of the unknown that made cyberspace law so appealing. 'it's a chance to think about first-level questions,"

Continued from Page 11 said Ms. Cohn, a partner in the U.S. District Court for the stake their claims as the centre of junk e-mail. Is such so in San Mateo, California. Pennsylvania. Alluding to his make seuse of it all — and to "With nine-tenths of my oth- role last year in overturning lure cutting-edge law profeser cases, the same issue has the Communications De- sors and students eager to already been decided. With this, you can say maybe you • A mathematics professor need to think in a new way about it." Ms. Cohn is scheduled to

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perts say, is whether the valnes that evolved over two centuries of case law will apply in cyberspace - and what those decisions will teach us about the law in real space. "There is anxiety, yes," said Judge Stewart Dalzell of

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## THE U.S. MBA REINVENTS ITSELF

Large-scale restructuring of MBA programs has made them more desirable than ever.

n the go-go 1980s, MBAs could priced jobs in consulting or on Wall Street, but after the 1987 crash,

its cachet as the entree to a highpaying job in private enterprise. As

schools have undergone a renaisincreased interest from overseas students and innovative programs.

remade themselves, with the help of the Internet and the prevalence of

The new insecurity Partly, the renewed interest in ad-Graduate Management Admissions programs. The University of Cali-Council, the organization that over- fornia at Riverside, for example, has tions at many schools are up as much fessional training, offering five modas 60 percent. He attributes the dra- ules of only two weeks each. Each old social contract, whereby a com- what would take two months in a petent employee was guaranteed life- normal MBA course. time employment.

"My dad started working in 1929, cites four types of stuwrite their own tickets to high-priced jobs in consulting or on all Street, but after the 1987 crash, "Now we've got 'employment for the early '90s proved to be far less rewarding for MBA graduates.

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On the other hand, people are not grees but don't want to looking at automatic retirement at invest in an MBA; people their enrollments fell, business schools were forced to re-examine their programs and missions.

Today, the soul-searching appears

Today, the soul-searching appears employable, people are looking at wise overhauled its mansance, with a rising tide of applicants, ongoing education and the relearning agement philosophy. of marketable skills.

The most common complaint American MBA programs have leveled against business schools has been an emphasis on theoretical knowledge at the expense of practical laptop computers. But it is not only application. To counter that charge, high technology that is responsible schools have instituted a range of for the renewed interest in the MBA programs that structure their curricula around forces in the U.S. economy, particularly the high-tech and resurgent manufacturing sectors.

Certificate degrees offer shortvanced business courses is a reflect term, specific programs as an altion of today's rampant job inse-ternative to time-consuming, rigorcurity. David Wilson, head of the ous and expensive full-time MBA sees such programs, says applica- tailored its extension school to promatic increase to the waning of the intensive two-week program covers

Riverside's Guilherme Almeida

dents attracted to such a program: those already in business who want to up-

Riverside's extremely industryspecific programs reflect the national research service for new products, a fantasy sports league and even a trend. One example is the turf-grass management course, surely the only program of its kind in the world, which instructs those who manage parks, cemeteries and playing fields.

#### Managing technology

In the high-tech realm, schools such as the University of Maryland's Graduate School of Management and helped inaugurate technology In the high-tech realm, schools such and Technology are teaching engineers and scientists how to become corporate managers.

State schools are not the only ones example, are learning to develop a there learn how to communicate with virtual-reality-based business on the product engineers and work closely Internet. Using a real Web site with supervisors on assembly lines. (www.worlds.net), students created

seven businesses, including a "Kids Zone," a dating service, a market-

maze-type game. Sometimes, local companies work with schools to develop new hightech curricula. Executives at Motorola, Intel, Boeing and Allied Sigmanagement courses. Not surprisingly, many of the students are their

own employees. In the manufacturing sector, stepping down from the Ivory Tower schools have created innovative de-Harvard Business School's "New Michigan Business School's Tauber Product Decision Making" class, for Manufacturing Institute. Students Steve Weinstein

## AND MORE ROADS LEAD THERE

MBA students now come with backgrounds in widely different fields.

ow valuable is life experience when ment and Technology offers eight master's achievement as the principal criterion for admission to business schools. A recent suradmission to business schools. A recent surago, but now make up only 16 percent. Those aged 26 to 30 now represent nearly 38 per-

business schools are beginning to require real-life experience as a qualification for admission, in contrast to European schools. "It's becoming mandatory that before you take an MBA, you have experience," says David Wilson, head of the Graduate Management Admissions Council. Whereas in the past, only the most selective programs made such a demand, he says, "Now, pretty much every program does. They're looking for a couple years' experience, and very possibly more.

People who have already been in the workforce are often more motivated to study, source students from the humanities." - \*\* \*\* \*\* writing Mr. Wilson says, adding, "The classroom is a lot richer when they bring in their expethese much more exciting.

Trent Anderson, executive director of graduate programs for Kaplan Educational Centers, says: "Business schools are placing into everyday commerce. Students in grees such as the University of more value on life experience, "Traditional" applicants have three to five years of work unique perspective to their studies because of their varied backgrounds, depth of professional experiences and maturity."

#### Track-switching

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getting an MBA? Increasingly, it is degrees in management and technology, intaking its place alongside academic cluding telecommunications, technology and

vey showed that those under 24 represented 20 percent of entering students four years ago, but now make up only 16 percent. Those Nicholas Allen. Professional engineers rose to leadership positions in business and had to ent.

deal with managers who might have had
In fact, more and more U.S. graduate MBAs, but didn't know technology.

Maryland's programs reflect the trend to merge management and technology. "En-gineers with an MBA are unbeatable right now," says Dick Kwartler, publisher of The MBA Newsletter

#### Disparate backgrounds

Less than a quarter of students at Maryland have bachclor's degrees in business, a much lower percentage than in traditional graduate business schools. Says Mr. Allen: "My stildents have degrees from all over the map; r shing freelance jourteachers, health-care workers, human re- and purnalism pro-

Students can come from even farther a high era of high afield. Mr. Wilson adds that today's MBA are and global telerience." The ability to bring students' own students include former retail salespeople, mathons, the oldlives into case studies and team study make Peace Corps volunteers, veterans, lawyers, and still of writing accountants, Congressional aides and jour- shooming more and

The net that brings in students has been gangly executives cast far deeper into society than ever before," Mr. Kwartler says. Now that many business an memes. letters, schools are using e-mail for distance learning experience, typically in entry-level positions. and on-line conferencing, people in remote Schools recognize that older students bring a areas can get their MBAs without having to live near a campus. Also, the proliferation of part-time, evening and weekend courses has the uning an e-mail enabled working professionals to get their mean and e-mail MBAs without sacrificing their income.

Another major growth area for MBAs is Nor does the experience have to be in business. Nearly one-third of all MBA students and health maintenance organization manual to add a husiness commonent at the business. agers often need to add a business component have a science or engineering background.

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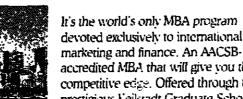
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says C. Warren Neel, dean of

the business school. "We

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tomized program was to be-

gin, in September 1997.

Columbia HCA canceled the

contract so it could concen-

nately, the school had elicited

enough input from other

health-care officials that it

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Katherine Mangan

Just weeks before the cus-

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to the public.



Competition for students has given way to competition for professors.

ools are squaring off to at for well-known faculty mbers — and the bragig rights that come with

"There's a ferocious com-Gwartler, publisher of The MBA Newsletter in Floral Park New York. "It gives a DADS LEAD THE who have written books.

"Salaries have risen are be to potential students that it has illustrious academics involved in research projects or

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senior faculty who are being lured from one school to another, ne says, acting of caution for those professors cantidates: "If I go to a school with many illustrious school, I'm a big fish in a small pond."

aced with a shortage of School of Business, which basketball team together: well-qualified instruct- boasts two Nobel Prize winors. U.S. business ners among its active teaching faculty. Both teach regular MBA courses besides continuing their economics research. Students attracted fessional environment is very by the cachet of studying un- important. It maximizes the der a Nobel laureate, long-term benefits of the tition for marquee-value however, are no more the- school — for students and faculty, and that seems to be oretically inclined than the faculty." intensifying;" says Dick average MBA student, ac-

school a chance to announce a lot of Pulitzer prize winment for hiring qualified academics? "Here, it does make faculty," he says. "The market for top faculty is extremely competitive, so any-

Chicago spokesman.

"Other schools want to pick off [faculty] like free he says. "But the faculty is not as likely to go just for the money. The pro-Some may make the case

cording to Allan Friedman, a that full-time academics, no matter what their credentials, "It's like a newspaper with pall in comparison to working professionals who teach ners," Mr. Friedman says. part-time. Although this may "It guarantees readership. It appear to be making a virtue cing arena and in the teaching gives students the sense 'we of necessity for business endeavor." ho have written books. are getting the best' in this schools that must use non-"Salaries have risen for domain." But is it an induce- academic faculty, others would argue that students can learn more from their pracit very attractive for other tical experience than from a ment, conflict resolution and professor's theoretical re- other niche business prodisciplines of technology, university professors," exthing we can do to keep the systems thinking and prob- plains Sheila Dwight, direc-

valuable hands-on lore. the University of Chicago's keeping a top professional phasis on research, reward- limit it to academics." S.W.



ing it over teaching. A Colorado business school dean recently argued, "Any business school that truly expects to be relevant should have professors in the classroom who are accomplished both in the professional, practi-Many schools do just that.

The University of California at Riverside, for example, offers environmental managesearch. Particularly in the grams, "We don't only use faculty, I'm only one of faculty intact is very imporlem solving and ethics, realtor of international education
world managers may possess programs at Riverside. world managers may possess programs at Riverside. When we get teachers, we nall pond."

Team-building

Over time, some claim, get people who are out in the
When it comes to the big Mr. Friedman likens running many universities have field, who have experience, ponds, no place is bigger than an elite business school to placed more and more em- who are on the job. We don't

for a variety of reasons.

As public funding for business education erodes, must have control over the schools are relying more on curriculum and degree rethe corporate sector's gen- quirements," says Mr. Hickerosity. Business leaders ac- man. "Most employers untively involved in a school as derstand this, and aren't visiting faculty members, going to make unreasonable curriculum advisers or intern sponsors are likely to give it more money and hire more of industry in Austin. Texas, has

hen a group of students are demanding more prominent female contact with the real world of executives wanted business, and business to see more case studies schools are revamping their about women in the nation's curricula to comply. It is

School with a proposal. As Harvard came up with new study topics, the "Com- calls the tune," says Charles mittee of 200" would suggest successful businesswo- projects and services for the men to use as protagonists. Harvard, which was trying to Management Education, the attract more women to the main accrediting body for business school, agreed, and U.S. business schools.

a partnership was born. Schools that once viewed such involvement with suspicion are now actively seeking out the views of corporate concern to his or her industry. supporters. They are doing so As long as the changes have often comply.

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"Whoever pays the piper W. Hickman, director of International Association for

In exchange for financial support, a donor might request that the school devote more attention to a topic of academic merit, schools wil

"Conventional academic values dictate that faculty demands."

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South Carolina State University's business school has been wooing the local agribusiness sector with invitations to give guest lectures, advise the school on courses and suggest research topics.

Business schools must be careful when creating a niche in a particular industry, experts say, not to focus it too narrowly in case the industry takes a sudden nosedive.

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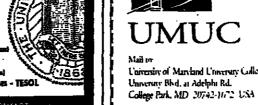


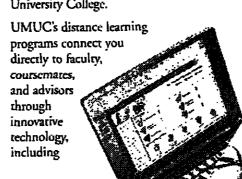
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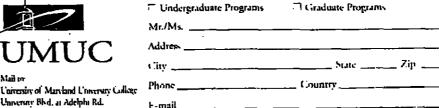




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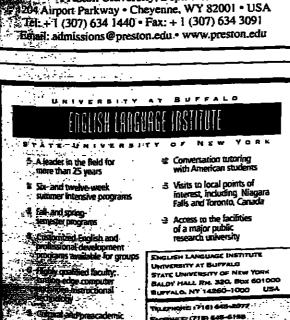
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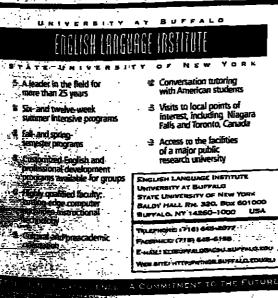
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#### Gascoigne Left Out

soccer Paul Gascoigne was left off of a 26-man England squad named Monday by Glenn Hoddle, the coach. The team will play a friendly international against Switzerland in Bern on March 25.

Gascoigne, who will be 31 in May, has only played one full match in the last three months, and has recently been the subject of transfer negotiations between his club, Glasgow Rangers, and Crystal Palace, a London team.

"If Paul is going to be in the World Cup squad he has to be fit and playing again between now and the end of the season," Hoddle

 Another Rangers player, Sebastian Rozental, may struggle to play in the World Cup finals. Walter Smith, the club manager, said Monday that Rozental, a Chilean striker, would need his third knee surgery in just over a year — this time on his right knee. (AP)

#### Calcavecchia Wins

GOLF Mark Calcavecchia birdied five of the final seven holes to run away from Vijay Singh in the Honda Classic at Coral Springs, Florida, closing with a 7-under 65 for a three-stroke victory Sunday.

Calcavecchia made \$325,000 to become the 11th PGA Tour to pass \$8 million in career earnings. He finished with an 18-under 270

Singh shot a 67, and Colin Montgomerie had a 66 to finish third at

John Daly matched the course record with a 64 to tie for fourth with Jeff Maggert and the 1997 winner, Stuart Appleby.

#### Pakistan Struggles

CRICKET Yousaf Youhana scored a gritty 60 Monday to help Pakistan recover from a morning collapse - the third day of the first test against Zimbabwe in Bulawayo.

Pakistan, which had 159 runs for six wickets at lunch, was eventually bowled out for 256 in its first in-

By the close Zimbabwe had reached 15 for two in their second innings for an overall lead of 80.

• The fifth test between West Indies and England in Bridgetown, Barbados, was abandoned as a draw on Monday after rain reduced. play on the final day to 18.2 overs. West Indies led the series, 2-1, with

ATLANTA --- Kris Johnson made 8

of 8 free throws in the final 37 seconds

and finished with 25 points as the UCLA Bruins, seeded No. 6 in the

UCLA (24-8) will meet second-seeded Kentucky Friday night in the round of 16 in St. Petersburg, Florida.

The two schools have 17 national titles

UCLA led Michigan, 77-74, when

the foul line in the last 37 seconds. An

84 percent free throw shooter. Johnson

was fouled on four straight possessions

by the Wolverines and sank all eight

Robert Traylor scored a team-high 19

points for Michigan. He grabbed 10

rebounds as the Wolverines outreboun-

ded the Bruins, 44-27. But the 6-8, 310-

South, beat Michigan, 85-82.

between them.

free throws.

## A Dream Dies Again: Kansas Loses, 80-75

## Rhode Island Knocks Out No. 1 Seed And Meets Valparaiso in Semifinals

By Kurt Caywood
Washington Post Service

OKLAHOMA CTTY - Once again at NCAA tournament time, Kansas fell short - well short of its capabilities and devastatingly short of its dreams.

"I don't know that you can ever analyze and come up with a reason why the shots don't go in, but they didn't." "In the regular season, we beat everyone in the tournament," said Raef Williams said In its past four NCAA tournament LaFrentz, an all-American forward with

point attempts.

Chicago:

Said Harrick: "Off the dribble, they

Kansas led by 43-38 when Antonio

just couldn't guard us. We had them on

Reynolds-Dean hit a lay-up and was

fouled with 15 minutes 56 seconds left.

Five minutes later, Kansas had made 2

of 4 shots, committed five turnovers and

fallen behind by 55-48 as the Rams

The Jayhawks warmed during the

next four minutes, but Rhode Island

The New York Times reported from

beat Western Michigan in the Midwest Regional on Sunday afternoon, Mike Montgomery, the Stanford coach, said he

would stick around the United Center

and watch the game between Purdue and

Detroit. The Cardinal would face the

winner of that game Friday in St. Louis. What Montgomery witnessed was frightening. The No. 2-seeded Boiler-

makers, despite shooting 37 percent from the field in the first half, pounded

10th-seeded Detroit to advance to the

round of 16 for the first time since

Purdue had dismantled Delaware in

the first round. Gene Keady, the Purdue

Purdue 80, Detroit 65 After his team

scored on seven of 10 possessions.

swingman, scored 23 points.

NCAA MIDWEST REGION

Kansas, ranked No. 2 nationally and seeded No. 1 regionally in the National Collegiate Athletic Association tourna-

"In the tournament, everybody either plays over their heads or not up to their potential," he said.

Those opposites met Sunday as Rhode Island, seeded No. 8 in the Midwest region, beat Kansas, 80-75, in a second-round game at the Myriad Con-

vention Center here. The Rams were led by their starting guards, Tyson Wheeler and Cuttino Mobley, who was the Atlantic 10 Conference player of the year. Wheeler, the point guard, totaled 20 points, eight assists and five rebounds. Mobley had

27 points and five assists. Rhode Island, 24-8 in its first season under Jim Harrick, the former UCLA coach, advanced to a regional semifinal Friday against 13th-seeded Valparaiso

answered each salvo.
"We might have been trying to catch up too quickly," Robertson said. "We in St. Louis. Valparaiso — whose coaching staff includes Harrick's son, Jim Harrick Jr. were awful nervous. We knew we were down, and we knew that a three was the quickest way to get back in it." Instead, - advanced with an 83-77 overtime victory over 12th-seeded Florida State. it was the Jayhawks' way out of the NCAA tournament. Again. In other Midwest regionals Sunday,

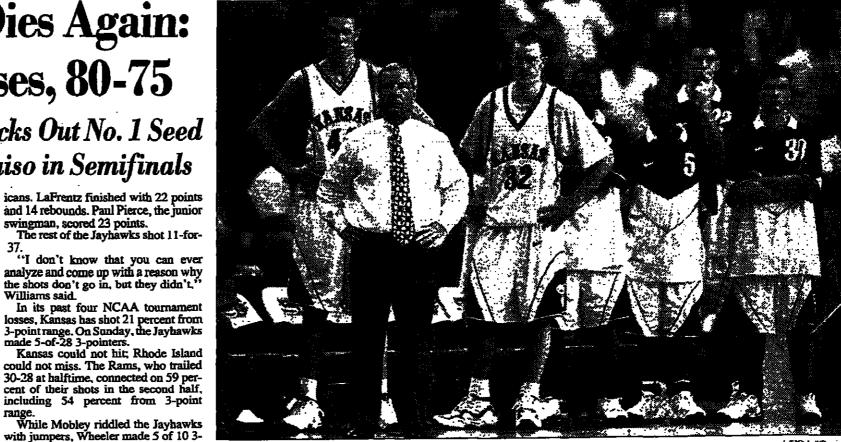
Kansas finished the season 35-4, tying the 1985-1986 team for the most victories in school history. Over the past two seasons, the Jayhawks are 69-6. Yet they have failed to get to a regional final, and Kansas will go a fifth season without the

Final Four berth it so desperately seeks. "It's too early to tell the effect of this said Roy Williams, the Kansas coach. "I sort of get tired of grading those sorts of effects, to tell you the truth. Grading hurts. But I told the kids in the locker room I was sorry if I caused them a problem by talking about my desire to win a national title.

'If it put extra pressure on them, then I apologize," Williams said.

Last season, Kansas was the only topseeded team to fall short of the Final Four. This season, even with two firstteam All-Americans, they were again

It was not the fault of their All-Amer- it better if his team had been involved in



The Kansas coach, Roy Williams, and team members watching glumly as time ran out for the Jayhawks.

at least one tough game in the first two

rounds.
"No," he said. "I liked it here." Purdue finished off Detroit by hitting 22-of-24 free throws and by using its size advantage inside to outrebound the Titans, 44-29. The Boilermakers' center, Brian Miller, had 18 points and 11 rebounds, and forward Mike Robinson

had 10 points and 11 rebounds.

The ease with which Purdue won its games here may hurt it later in the tournament, but the Boilermakers are laughing now. They had expected to get a game from Detroit, but the Titans were horrendous from the field, shooting 26.7

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percent in the first half. At one point, Detroit had hit just 4-of-22 field goal attempts and was missing open lay-

Stanford 83, Western Michigan 65 In the first game Sunday, Western Michigan (21-8) hung with Stanford (28-4) by using its guile and quickness to overcome a size disadvantage in the first half.

The Broncos had managed to keep Stanford guards Kris Weems and Arthur Lee under wraps for much of the first half by fighting through screens and contesting their shots. But Lee broke loose late in the first half and began to

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burn the Broncos. Lee scored eight points in the final 45 seconds of the half to give Stanford a 42-39 halftime lead. Lee continued his hot streak in the second half and finished with 24 points. He was also a perfect 10of-10 at the free-throw line and dished out seven assists.

In the second half, Stanford was able to attack the post better and began to get Mark Madsen, one of the team's top scorers, more involved in the offense.

Madsen finished with 19 points and 10 rebounds, and center Tim Young finished with 19 points and 13 rebounds.

Duke, 79-73

St. Petersburg, Fla. March 20,22

UCLA, 85-82

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#### pound center took just eight shots from the field as UCLA's defense collapsed on him when he touched the ball. Every time Traylor got the ball in the post, UCLA defenders yelled "swarm"

and he was surrounded by three Bruins.

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Traylor had to pass the ball outside, usually to guard Louis Bullock, a 47 per cent three-point shooter. Bullock, however, was 2 of 14 on three-pointers and 7 of 27 overall.

Swarming Bruins Hold Off Michigan

" I just couldn't get the shots to fall.
Those were shots I had been making all

year," Bullock said. "I just picked the wrong time to miss them."
UCLA led, 76-66, with just over four minutes to go but then missed three

#### NCAA SOUTH REGION consecutive free throws, including two

Johnson, the son of former UCLA star by Johnson, and allowed Michigan to Marques Johnson, started the parade to pull within 77-74. That's when Johnson started

grabbing inbounds passes, drawing fouls and sinking pressure free throws. Kentucky 88, St. Louis 61 Kentucky (31-4) continued bashing its postseason

opponents in the first game of the doubleheader at the Georgia Dome. The Wildcats have won five straight three in the Southeastern Conference

tournament, two in the NCAA tournament — by an average of 21.6

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cushion, 17-9, when they took off on a 23-2 run. Kentucky made 10 of 12 shots

and led 40-13 with 6:21 left in the half. "Today's first half might have been the best half of basketball we played all season," said Tubby Smith, the Kentucky coach.

We've been playing really good ball and basically blowing teams out," said Allen Edwards, a Kentucky guard. "If they don't take that as a message, they might be next."

In another South regional game: Syracuse 56, New Mexico 46 Todd Burgan scored 20 points and 10 rebounds, and Syracuse's zone defense held New Mexico (24-8) to a seasonlow 26 percent from the field in Lexington, Kentucky.

The Orangemen (26-8) shot just 34 percent in the victory but committed only eight turnovers and outrebounded the Lobos, 49-36. Kenny Thomas, the New Mexico

star, had 12 points and 12 rebounds, but was only 4-of-16 from the field. Syracuse will play Duke, which beat

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SUNDAY RESULTS

First Period: None. Second Period: None

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Oklahoma State, 79-73, in Sunday's first game, in the round of 16 on Friday.

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WEST INDIES VS. ENGLAND FIFTH YEST, FINAL DAY MONDAY IN BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOK England: 403 and 233 for lines declared Nest Indies: 262 and 112-2

Test was abandoned as a draw after rain educed play on final day to 18,2 overs. BOLAND VS. SRI LÁNKA MONDAY IN PAARL, SOUTH AFRICA Boland: 178 and 160-7 Srf Lapke: 213-4 and 48-5 Match ended in a draw.

#### GOLF

HONDA CLASSIC Final scores Sunday of \$1.8 million Hand on Bay in Coral Springs, Fig. M. Calcavecchia, U.S. 70-67-68-65—270 70-68-68-67—273 Vilay Singh, Fili 6<del>8-76-68-64--</del>276 Jeff Maggert, U.S. Stuart Appleby, Aus. Craig Stadier, U.S. Bob Friend, U.S. Brent Geiberger, U.S. Bob Estes, U.S. Kevin Sutherland, U.S. 70-48-70-70—278

**WORLD RANKINGS** 1. Tiger Woods, U.S., 12.64 point 2. Emic Els. South Africa, 10.88 1. Greg Norman, Australia, 10 4. Davis Love 3d. . U.S., 9.49 5. Colin Mantgameric, Britain, 8.88 6. Wick Price, Zimbabwe, 8.87 7. Phil Mickelson, U.S., 8.83 . Masashi Ozaki, Japan, 8.12 9. David Duvol. U.S., 7.63 10. Tom Lehman, U.S., 7.56 11. Justin Leonard, U.S., 7.24 12. Mark O'Meara, U.S., 6.79 13. Vijery Singh, Fiji, 6.64 14. Brad Fewert, U.S., 6.29 15. Tem Wertson, U.S., 6.38

#### TENNIS

St. Louis March 20,22

Stanford, 83-65

NEWSWEEK CHAMPIONS CUI BUNDAY IN SIDIAN WELLS, CALIF. FINAL Todo Rios (7), Chile, def. Greg Rusedski

(6), Britain, 6-3, 6-7 (15-17), 7-6 (7-4), 6-4. DOUBLES FRALL
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#### SOCCER

SPANISH FIRST DIVISION **MALIAN FIRST DIVISION** 

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Montpeller 37; Le Harre, Nauks Toulous 32: Strasbourg, Remes, Guing 29: Cannos, Chalengary 27. MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCE ton D.C. 2. Miami 9

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APRICAN SUPER CUP

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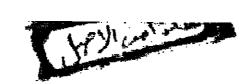
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## **SPORTS**

## Jazz Overpower Pistons In 10th Straight Victory Malone and Hornacek Lead Utah's Scorers

Karl Malone scored 28 points and Jeff Hornacck added 22 as the Utah Jazz won its 10th straight game.

"That's a hell of a basketball team," said Alvin Gentry, the Detroit Pistons' coach, after his team lost, 109-98, to the

Jazz on Sunday.

The Jazz, who have won eight in a row on the road, took control with a 17-

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4 second-half spurt that put them ahead, 72-57. Malone scored eight points in the

"I really don't think we played badly. They just played better," said Grant Hill, who led Detroit with 29 points. "That was a tough game because any time you make a mistake, they make you pay."

Utah improved to 47-16, one game behind Seattle for the best record in the National Basketball Association. Last season, the Jazz finished with a franchise-best 64-18 mark and went on to reach the NBA finals, where they lost a six-game series to the Chicago Bulls.

Heat 79, Magic 76 In Orlando, Voshon Lenard hit a 3-pointer at the final buzzer, and Miami held the Magic with-out a field goal in the final 7:45.

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Tim Hardaway led the Heat with 22 points, while Alonzo Mourning had 18 points and 10 rebounds. Nick Anderson led Orlando with 30 points.

Lakers 119, Grizzlies 110 In Vanconver, Robert Horry scored a seasonhigh 23 points and grabbed 13 rebounds as Los Angeles won its sixth straight. Shaquille O'Neal scored 24 points and Rick Fox added 20 as the Lakers closed within three games of first-place Seattle in the Pacific Division.

Hawks 93, Celtics 77 Dikembe Mutombo had 21 points, 11 rebounds and six blocks as the Hawks beat visiting Boston. Alan Henderson and Tyr-one Corbin-each added 17 points. Pacers 91, Knicks 86 Mark Jackson

scored half of his season-high 28 points in the fourth quarter as Indiana won in New York. Rik Smits added 22 points and 11 rebounds as the Pacers won on the road for the 21st time this season. Allan Houston scored 31 points for the

Suns 100, Mavericks 90 In Phoenix, Jason Kidd got his 18th career triple-double with 20 points, 13 rebounds and 12 assists as the Suns clinched a playoff berth. Antonio McDyess and Danny Manning each scored 17 points for Phoenix, which reached the playoffs for the 10th consecutive season.

Raptors 100, Warriors 98 In Oakland, Doug Christie scored 24 points as Toronto beat Golden State in overtime to snap a six-game losing streak. Toronto overcame an 11-point deficit in the final 3:42 of regulation time. Marcus Camby had 23 points and 16 rebounds for the Raptors.

Trail Blazers 103, Clippers 92 In Portland, Arvydas Sabonis had 28 points and 15 rebounds to lead the Trail Blazers. Isaiah Rider added 26 points for the Blazers, who have beaten the Clippers 12 straight times in Portland.



Marcelo Rios of Chile returning a shot to Greg Rusedski of Britain in the final at Indian Wells, California.

## Rios Beats Rusedski in All-Lefty Final

By Robin Finn New York Times Service

INDIAN WELLS, California -Marcelo Rios, the first Chilean to crash the Top 10, captured the Newsweek Champions Cup by defying and denying the big serve of Greg Rusedski.

Rios used passing shots delivered with a purity of purpose from both sides. lilting lobs that teased and toyed with Rusedski's frenetic rushes to net, and his own take on the unbreakable serve to control the match Sunday, 6-3, 6-7 (15-17), 7-6 (7-4), 6-4.

After I broke him in the first game of the match, I think that was big, and I think I played pretty smart, holding my serve, "said Rios, who held it from start to finish Sunday. The torturous second set was the only set he lost all week.

Both players were runners-up recently in the only Grand Slam finals of their careers, Rios at the 1998 Australian Open and Rusedski, a Briton, at the 1997 U.S. Open. Both were appearing in their third final in 1998, both are left-handed and both were chasing the No. 3 ranking.

The similarities ended there. In this war of contrasting styles and personalities in the event's first all-lefty final since Jimmy Connors downed Roscoe Tanner in 1976, the grinning Rusedski

owned the net while the grim-faced Rios patrolled the baseline.

According to both players, the third set told the rale. Rios took a serve in the chest in the 12th game but coolly rebounded in the tie-breaker and went up 6-4 with a backhand pass that would have bisected Rusedski had it hit him. Once he gained his two-sets-to-one edge, Rios patiently awaited his chance in the fourth set, broke Rusedski for a 5-4 lead with a forehand pass and served out the match at love.

The little-man-beats-big-man coup, which took 2 hours 46 minutes and featured the year's longest tie-breaker, sent Rios to a career-best ranking of third in the world, a development that inspired him to declare himself a qualified can-didate for Pete Sampras's No. 1 spot.

"I think it's a big step in my career, really, you can see that you can even be No. 1 if you play good," Rios said.
"One year ago maybe I was No. 20, and now I'm three, and that gives you more energy, more confidence to keep on

going."
"I think I'm growing in the game, being more fobeing more smart, being more fo-Rios said. The 6-foot 4-inch (1.93-meter)

Rusedski stood nearly a foot taller than Rios and, having broken his own alltime speed serving record Saturday with

a 149 mile per hour (238 kilometer per hour) bullet, routinely served 40 miles per hour faster than the Chilean. But the seventh-seeded Rios ignored the sixthseeded Rusedski's 21 aces, ignored the loss of five set points in the second set's exhaustive 35-point tie-breaker and plugged away from the backcourt.

The Rios of old might have sent up a white flag after toiling in vain in such a lengthy tie-breaker, but those days of giving up are over.

He attributes the improvements in his game and his attitude to his second goround with his coach, Larry Stefanki.

Stefanki seems to have succeeded in his main mission: bringing tenacity to a player who already possessed talent.

"He teaches me how not to tank, to

don't give up," said Rios, whose mood often seems to match his inky black ponytail but is, in Rusedski's opinion. possibly a marketing ploy to replace John McEnroe as the baddest-tempered boy in the business.

In the doubles final, the thirdseeded team of the U.S. Open champion, Patrick Rafter, and Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden, who had not played together since 1994, claimed the title, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3), by defeating a duo who had never played together before, Todd Martin and Richey Reneberg.

## **Luck Aids** Barcelona's Quest for League Title

Luis Figo scored after three minutes of, injury time, giving Barcelona a 2-1 victory at Valladolid and tightening its grip on first place in the Spanish League. Figo, the Barcelona captain, got his toe to the ball just as the referee was-

#### SOCCER ROUNDUP

bringing his whistle to his lips to end the: game Sunday night.

"Sure I was a little lucky, but some-times you need a little luck. It's quite; important in this game," Figo said. Barcelona moved seven points ahead.

of Real Madrid, which has played one; 'We've got a great chance but there'.

are still 10 games to go," said Louis van; Gaal, the Barcelona coach.

"It's important that we control the; euphoria. It's great to have confidence, but let's not confuse that with arrog-.

Not all Barcelona's players were smiling, though. Van Gaal sent in a substitute for Sonny Anderson for the third game in succession.

Anderson, the Brazilian international! striker said. "It was for the good of the team and that is all I am looking at."

Anderson was replaced by Dragan Ciric, a Yugoslav midfielder, after 55 minutes. The move changed the course. of the game, and Barcelona's coach was: almost certainly referring to Anderson when he said obliquely, "not all players' reached their peak in this game."

UNITED STATES: Marcelo Balboa. scored a spectacular diving goal that; helped the United States to tie Paraguay, -2, on Sunday in San Diego. The United States, which had not

scored for three games, took a 2-1 leadfive minutes into the second half on; Balboa's brilliant effort. Alexi Lalas looped a pass to Balboa, who slid head-first at the ball. His head, was inches above the grass when he made; contact, sending the ball past Paraguay's.

goalkeeper, Ruben Ruiz Diaz, and into, the upper corner of the goal. "It was just one of those things," said. Balboa, who has 13 goals in 126 games;

with the national team. Earlier, Chad Deering scored the first. U.S. goal in four games, when he broke;

through in the 21st minute for a 1-1 tie. • D.C. United, the Major League, Soccer champion in both the league's: seasons, opened its third season with a 2-0 victory over the Miami Fusion despite playing most of the match with

United lost forward Jaime Moreno, the league's leading scorer last year, in the 28th minute after a retaliatory foulon the Fusion's Cle Kooiman.

only 10 men.

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D.C. was leading, 1-0, at the time on a goal by midfielder Richie Williams from 15 yards away in the 15th minute. Tony Sanneh, who set up the first goal, scored the second in the 36th minute.

Even though the team's name is the

Miami Fusion, the club calls Fort Landerdale home because team officials could not negotiate a deal with Miami city officials to play in the Orange Bowl. Instead, the Fusion play at Lockhart Sta-dium, but team and league officials decided to keep the Miami name because of marketing commitments. (Reuters, AP.)

THAT'S WAT YOU NEVER KNOW.

## **Scrappy Columbus Takes** 2d Women's League Title

COLUMBUS, Ohio - In a basketball game that at times bordered on savagery - with players getting elbowed, kicked and jumped upon - the American Basketball League's second championship turned on two plays of great artistry.

The Columbus Quest won, 86-81, Sunday, for their second consecutive title in the ABL, one of two fledgling U.S. women's basketball leagues.

The victory was not secured until the final minute, after the Long Beach StingRays had erased out a 73-64 deficit with 3:42 to go and cut it to 75-74 with 1:31 left.

The Quest then made the two plays that settled the championship. With 1:01 to go, Tonya Edwards

drove through the Long Beach defense, made a graceful, soft-touch lay-up and was fouled by Clarissa Davis-Wrightsil. Edwards made the free throw to make it

With 50 seconds to go, Valerie Still soared high on the perimeter to grab a desperate 3-point shot by Niesa Johnson out of the air.

Still, who scored 25 points, was named the final's most valuable player

for a second straight year. Sporting a black eye from Game 2, Still talked again of retirement. A year ago she planned to quit, then signed a

two-year contract.

Late Sunday, Still said, "It's probably time for me to let it go."

Brian Aigler, the Columbus coach. said: "Don't take that down. Val and I haven't talked about this yet."

Still, 36, said: "For me at this moment, there's nothing more I can do on the court. It really is hard to get up for

Still has been playing professionally for 14 years, including 12 in Italy. The StingRays lost despite a league playoff record of 36 points by Davis-Wrightsil, who fouled out in the final

Andrea Nagy also fouled out for Long Beach, which committed 35 personal fouls, while Columbus was called for 22.

The teams combined to make 61 of 65 free throws, with Still going 10-for-11 and Smith 10-for-10 as Columbus was 38-for-43 from the line. Davis-Wrightsil made all nine of her foul shots for the StingRays.

They made their free throws down the stretch," said Maura McHugh, the Long Beach coach. "Columbus was able to knock them down when they needed to."

Long Beach outscored Columbus from the floor, hitting 28 of 54 field-goal attempts for 51.9 percent. The Quest was 21-for-52 for 40.4 percent.

## Victory Propels Blackhawks Playoff Hopes

The Chicago Blackhawks beat the Florida Panthers, 8-4, to move into undisputed possession of the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference with 16 games to go.

The Blackhawks are 25-23-11 since their history.

Chicago's Eric Daze scored four goals, two of them in a six-goal first period, to lead the rout at the Miami Агепа.

John Vanbiesbrouck, who has been rumored to be on the trading block, gave up all six first-period goals. He was replaced by a rookie. Kevin Weekes, in the second period.

Sabres 3, Penguins 0 In Buffalo, Dominik Hasek stopped 22 shots for his 10th shutout.

Michael Peca had two goals and one assist for the Sabres. Tom Barrasso, the Penguins goaltender, also played well and the game was scoreless until Wayne Primeau's goal 6:48 into the

third period. The Penguins had no fewer than six

leads the NHL in

4, Offers 1 Sami Kapanen scored his second hat trick in as many games against Edmonton, helping Carolina end a seven-game losing

Kapanen, whose only other career hat trick came in the Hurricanes' Nov. 12 victory in Edmonton, improved his team-leading goal count to 24. The Hurricanes won for the fifth time in seven games and halted the Oilers' best winning streak of the season at three.

Martin Gelinas added a goal for the Hurricanes, who went ahead by scoring 63 seconds apart into the second peri-od. Carolina got its first victory at the Greensboro Coliseum since Jan. 5.

Mighty Ducks 5, Avalanche 3 Two rookies, Frank Banham and Matt Cullen, scored power-play goals and To-mas Sandstrom ended a 34-game scoring drought as Anaheim snapped a

seven-game losing streak with a vic-tory over visiting Colorado.

The Ducks had only one goal in 29 power plays over their previous six games and entered the game with the NHL's second-worst power play.

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anple, Latrell Sprewell, an all-star profes-

sional basketball player, had to pay a \$6 milpenalty just for choking his coach. This left him \$17 million to carry around as Buchwald

mad money. It split basketball fans down the middle — those who thought choking a coach should be worth three points, and those who thought it should be

worth at least two foul shots. Bruce Tomason, president of the Association to Preserve paying the superstars, the ath-Violence in Sports, was incensed. "Sprewell did what he had to do to preserve the spirit of baskethall. By fining him \$6 million, the officials are sending out a message that

#### 'Titanic' Breaks U.S. Record

OS ANGELES - Somewhere in the United States or Canada, a moviegoer bought a ticket over the weekend that pushed "Titanic" past "Star Wars" to become the top domestic

The Associated Press

money-earner ever. Going into Saturday, the shipwreck saga claimed re-ceipts of \$458.2 million and was projected by industry estimates to have grossed at least \$7 million more by evening. That gave it a total of more than \$465 million, breaking the domestic mark of \$461 million set by "Star Wars."

"Titanic" already holds the in excess of \$1.1 billion.

Kegon — With the players will be deprived of their First Amendment rights.

In the Starr Circus, Our fear is that the Sprewell news gets lost. For business will affect other sports. Pretty soon hockey players will be forbidden to hit their teammates over the head with their sticks, baseball players will not be allowed to spit in the faces of umpires, football players will not be able to kick their coaches in the groin, and golfers will not be able to stick their spikes in their op-

> I accused Bruce of being too pessimistic, but he was

ponents' feet.

"There was a time in sports when playing fair was enough to participate in the sport. But now, with the money they're letes make far more than their owners, and they are not going to be pushed around. I say if coaches are atraid to be choked, then they should wear helmets.

Laddy Goblow, a pro-choking fan, said the violence in sports is what keeps people glued to their sets.

'The Sprewell decision is a bad one in that, although he only had to give up \$6 million, which doesn't sound like a lot of money, he also had his feelings hurt. And that can do damage to someone when he is attempting to score."

"But," I protested, "Sprewell is now a household name, almost in the class of a Mike Tyson. You can sell a lot more sneakers if you're known as a coach choker.

"What do you think they should have done to Sprewell?" he asked.

'He should have been permitted to play but forced to wear a metal ankle lock so his worldwide record with receipts coach would know where he

CLASS REUNION — The actresses Olivia Newton-John, left, Stockard

## Breaking a Taboo to Finish an Elgar Symphony

By Warren Hoge New York Times Service

ONDON - So identified is the music of ∠Sir Edward Elgar with this land that a chord from the Romantic composer can bring a heave to the bemedaled chest of the most stoic Briton. Not for nothing does the Oxford Dictionary of Music call his "Pomp and Circumstance" March No. 1 "an alternative national anthem," and tampering with his memory could be considered defacing a public monument.

At his death from cancer in 1934, Elgar left behind sketches for a Third Symphony, and in his painful last months, the 76-yearold composer exacted a bedside pledge from his daughter Carice and his closest friend, William H. Reed, first violinist of the London Symphony Orchestra, that these rough drafts would never be "tinkered" with. He even urged that they be burned.

Over the intervening decades there have been attempts to develop the 141 pages of musical notations, doodles and scribbled directives into a full symphony, much the way incomplete works of such artists as Bartok, Berg, Delius, Mahler, Mozart and Puccini were finished after their deaths and entered the orchestral repertory.

In Elgar's case, however, all bids were turned aside by the family, always invoking the dying composer's anguished words and pronouncements like that of his friend George Bernard Shaw that "no completion or reconstruction is possible." The Third Symphony, Shaw declared magisterially,

died with the composer."
Generations of Elgar lovers in Britain have assailed attempts to get around the proscription, variously calling such efforts "an obscenity." "an act against morality" and in general a betrayal of the cultural legacy of the man they consider the greatest British composer since Purcell.

Thus the overused phrase "historic mo-ment" can properly be summoned to describe the gala premiere performance, by the BBC Symphony Orchestra in Royal Festival Hall in London on Feb. 15, of a stirring piece of music it originally commissioned 66 years ago. It was identified on the program as Elgar/Payne Symphony No. 3.

In anticipation of the event, the legions of Elgar lovers and music critics were at battle stations, but all that broke out was peace and rapture. "The dying Elgar feared that no amount of 'tinkering' could salvage his ef- Davis has been released on NMC Records.



Tampering with Sir Edward Elgar's memory was considered "an obscenity."

forts, but he had not reckoned on this tinker-The Sunday Times said in one of the universally favorable reviews. The Independent's headline read, "The great national secret is out -- and it's very moving."

Anthony Payne, the British composer who persuaded the Elgar family to let him override the vow and render the sketches into a finished symphony, reported a number of cheering calls, faxes and letters.

'All those old Elgarians have a very possessive feeling about him," he said. "I don't want to exaggerate, but typical was one person who called and said, 'Now that I've stopped crying, I've decided to ring you.' " Four more British dates have been set, and

the piece will have its U.S. debut in November with the Philadelphia Orchestra, with Andrew Davis conducting, followed by performances in March 1999 by the National Symphony Orchestra, led by Leonard Slatkin, in Washington and at Carnegie Hall in New York. A BBC Symphony Orchestra recording with

Payne, 61, is a composer, writer, broad-caster and authority on 20th-century British music who became interested in developing the sketches when he encountered 40 pages of facsimiles in a book written by Reed in 1936 called "Elgar as I Knew Him."

In the book, Reed attributed Elgar's reluctance to see his sketches fall into other hands to the composer's conviction that he intended something unique with his Third Symphony that no one else could infer.

Elgar was not a chronological composer, and what he had set down were discontinuous scraps and fragments from four different movements, with no hints of what he planned for some large developmental sections, codas and the finale of the whole work. "It did not seem at all odd to him," Reed wrote, "to begin things in the middle, or to switch off suddenly from one movement to another."

Payne's work on the sketches was an academic exercise, a pastime that he returned to periodically over more than two decades, with gaps of years between glances. In 1995 library had it. It really was buried treasure.

he produced a broadcast talk on the sketches with piano accompaniment for the BBC, and in that show he said he believed that there was too little to go on in the sketches to

produce a finished symphony.

"Then the next day." Payne said, "just as I was about to put them back in the bottom. drawer for what I thought was the last time, it hit me like a lightning bolt. I suddenly realized that four pages of faintly outlined frag ments I had previously discounted were in

fact intended for the development section." Still aware that the family's objections barred him from a serious stab at completing the work, he set out to do so for his own satisfaction.

In the summer of 1995, the remaining family members — eight great-nieces and great-nephews -- confronted a decision that was to be the turning point. It was pointed out to them that the publication by Reed of the facsimiles in 1936 effectively placed them under copyright, and the documents would pass into the public domain in 2004.

Suddenly the question of how best to serve Elgar's legacy was reduced to letting anyone have a shot at completing the symphony or authorizing development by Payne, a man with experience, background and proven dedication to the subject. They commissioned Payne.

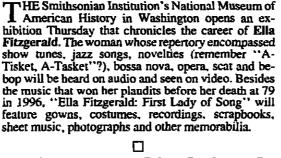
Sitting in the music parlor of his Islington house and cradling a manuscript of the work, Payne excitedly recalled the nature of the challenge "Imagine a jigsaw puzzle." he said, "and then imagine one without the plan and with lots of the pieces missing.'

Guided by Reed's account in his book of having played the sketches on his violin while Elgar pounded away on the piano, he set out. In the "self-borrowing" tradition that Elgar was known to use. Payne looked to the two earlier symphonies and to an oratorio and some incidental music for a historical drama that Elgar had been working on in his later years for hints of what he might have put in the Third.

Payne succeeded in turning an estimated 25 minutes of Elgar into 56 minutes of Elgar/ Payne, and even experienced listeners have found it difficult to tell when one lets off and the other begins.

Payne looked about his study with satisfaction, scanning the bookcases crammed with scores and biographies of composers. "To think that this great treasure was just sitting on library shelves," he said. "Every

**PEOPLE** 



The love affair between Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles returned firmly to the public spotlight after they held a joint reception at Queen Elizabeth's estate at Sandringham. Six months after the death of his former wife. Diana, Princess of Wales, the weekend gathering of 25 guests was being seen by Britain's army of royal commentators as another bid by Charles to get his relationship with Parker Bowles accepted by the public.

At 89, there are few jokes Milton Berle hasn't told, heard or made his own. "You've heard of Alzheimer's Channing and Didi Conn gathering at the re-release of the 1978 movie disease? He's got Berlesheimer's disease. He forgets "Grease," which was celebrating its 20th anniversary in Hollywood. everything - except other people's jokes," the comic

THE Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Dick Capri said at a party to celebrate Berle's 85 years in show business. The cigar-chomping icon who hit vaudeville as a 5-year-old and helped sell America on television with "The Texaco Star Theater" in the 1940s and 1950s, has no plans to retire. "Waiting for me to retire is like leaving the porch light on for Jimmy Hoffa," Berle said.

> The actor Christian Slater has been freed from jail after his 90-day sentence was reduced for good behavior. Slater, 28, imprisoned since Jan. 14 for assaulting his girlfriend in a drug-induced rage, left the La Verne city jail in east Los Angeles, accompanied by

> Doctors have advised the British composer Sir Andrew Lioyd Webber to reduce his workload because o a flu-like illness. The composer of "Cats" and "Phantom of the Opera," who will turn 50 this week, remained "a busy man and is very fine and is not on a death bed," his spokesman said Monday. He added that Lloyd Webber "picked up an illness some years ago which made him susceptible to picking up infections."

A cover design for an Asterix comic book fetched

just over 350,000 francs (nearly \$60,000) at a recordbreaking auction in Paris over the weekend of cartoon books, posters and memorabilia. The original, signed and the Secret Weapon' took the third highest price ever for a comic book design. Altogether, the auction fetched 1.66 million francs, the auctioneers said.

A Detroit publishing house says the movie studio behind the Arnold Schwarzenegger movie "Jingle All the Way" was a grinch when it came to giving the studio studio of the necessary and the studio studio of the necessary state of the studio studio studio of the studio s Fox for at least \$150,000, charging that the studio stole at the idea for the screenplay of the 1996 film from a Detroit high school teacher, Brian Alan Webster. Murray Hill bought the screenplay rights from Webster, who named his story "So This Is Christmas."

A silk handkerchief once owned by Empress Eliza- 11 de prosident was 1 beth of Austria fetched nearly \$10,000 in a Vienna sketched her day, by her as auction. A present from Elizabeth's mother when she married her Habsburg cousin, Emperor Franz Josef I. The House Tokesman, Married her Habsburg cousin, Emperor Franz Josef I. in 1854, the handkerchief was sold for 120,000 (and hand of the strategy in schillings (\$9.410), the Dorotheum auction house said. This we come pondence: Franz Josef's linen handkerchief went for a more there was an effort to premodest 14.400 schillings.

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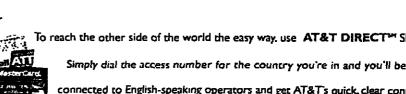
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